

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steven Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Brock Waggoner.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth verified that the four Board Members missing from the December 23, 2024 Meeting needed to publicly voice their previous vote for the Marion County Board Chairman/Chairwoman and Vice Chairman/Chairwoman. Those Board Members were asked to verbally state who they voted for at the Monday, December 2, 2024 Meeting.

Jack Riley – Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman

Adam Smith – Steve Whritenour Chairman and Debbie Smith Vice Chairman

Sharon Woodward – Debbie Smith Chairman and Debbie Smith Vice Chairman

Judith Meeks-Hakim – Debbie Smith Chairwoman and Debbie Smith Vice Chairwoman

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Prior to the Guests addressing the Board, County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour reiterated the regulations of the procedure of this portion of the Agenda.

Angie Diss, Mayor of Kinmundy addressed the Board and introduced City Council Member Emily Hassebrock. Ms. Diss voiced her concerns regarding the ESDA invoice for the Kinmundy Emergency Siren. The Board had previously discussed paying half of the total amount due, but that was rejected by Roll Call Vote on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. She conveyed that the City of Kinmundy has paid their half, but was recently informed that they still owe the remaining balance. She requests that the County Board members reconsider paying the remainder and accept their payment previously paid. In addition, the City of Kinmundy would like an agreement with respect to the maintenance and repairs of their siren. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that he will be referring this issue to the Law

Enforcement Committee and that EDSA and the Board are in the process of revamping the siren policy. He and/or Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry will follow up with Ms. Diss and the City of Kinmundy.

Next, Liam Mongovan, Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission Program in Franklin County, Illinois presented information regarding their services. Newly Elected Marion Board Members were given an update of the previous discussions. In conclusion, Mr. Mongovan requested funding for the Marion County, Illinois VAC Program.

Guest Bob Wright questioned the timeframe for the public having access to the Marion County Financial Report. Mr. Whritenour stated that it will be available soon. Lastly, Mr. Wright that Marion County support the Veterans and the VAC.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Next, Finance Committee Chairman and Board member Christopher Krupp presented a brief description of Ordinance 2025-01: Recognition of the Veteran Assistance Commission of Marion County and an additional discussion with respect to the Program transpired. Consideration regarding the funding for the Marion County Program will occur at future Finance and Budget Committee Meetings. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01 and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deborah Reed made a Motion to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes dated December 2, 2025 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Tyson McHenry made a Motion to approve the Special Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 13, 2025 and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 23, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sharon Woodward made a Motion to approve the Special Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 30, 2025 and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that he had a meeting with the Marion County Elected Officials on Friday, January 24, 2025. He emphasized that he felt that it was a very productive meeting and would like to see the communication and interactions continue.

Additionally, Mr. Whritenour expressed that concerns regarding the monthly bills were brought to his attention. He asked Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth to speak with respect to this matter. Attorney Hudspeth provided a brief explanation of the regulations imposed by the Attorney General. Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman and Marion County Board Member Deborah Reed had questions which were answered. The bills will now only be reviewed during the monthly Committee Meetings and if there are any questions the Committee Chairman/Chairwoman will address the matter. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox will continue with his payment process.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$89,775.30	\$82,784.34
1%	\$36,904.98	\$50,389.56

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by addressing the Bill approval and payment process item under New Business. He conveyed that he had spoken with Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk, and he will be presenting a billing process presentation at the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Approval of Bills:

General: \$160,418.19 Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the bills and seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$745,256.93 Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Chairman Christopher Krupp expressed his interest in attending Grant Writing Training workshop in Wellston, Missouri on February 19-20, 2025. He continued to explain the benefits of having a person on the Board with the education of applying for Grants. He volunteered to attend this training event and is requesting payment of the registration invoice (\$445.00) from the Board. David Iossi made a Motion to approve to pay the invoice and Deborah Reed made the second. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$1,500.00. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-01 through 2025-05 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that he received an email from Josh Faivre, CPA and WIPFLI Senior Manager, Audit regarding the FY 2022 Audit. Mr. Faivre requested an employee list from the Department Heads during the year 2022. Mr. Krupp is in the process of forwarding that information to him. The competition date of the FY 2022 Audit is anticipated to be very soon.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, Committee Member Tracy Murray presented the Committee's report. Mr. Waggoner had sent an email to Mr. Murray regarding the information to convey to the Board.

Mr. Murray conveyed that Mr. Waggoner addressed the topic of reducing the County Board Budget. He stated "by statute we cannot reduce the pay for the current County Board Members as that was not passed prior to the seating of the current Board."

Next, Mr. Waggoner had prepared a list and assigned Committees to each Marion County Office Holder to allow them to work together for Budgeting purposes and answering any questions or concerns. The list will be distributed in the near future.

Mr. Murray relayed that an invitation was sent to Marion County Clerk Steve Fox and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell to attend an upcoming Finance and Budget Committees Meeting to discuss billing and payment process. This presentation will be conducted on March 10, 2025.

Prior to the Insurance Committee's report, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour shared that he had a discussion with Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps regarding corrections that need to be made to his portion of the FY 2025 Budget. This information will be directed to Mr. Waggoner. In addition, Mr. Whritenour has contacted Bellwether to rectify a couple of additional matters.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Approval of Bills:

Insurance: \$62,875.40 David Iossi made a Motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that Todd Dobbs, Chaney and Karch Insurance owner and agent, will attending the Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Approval of Bills: \$25,298.18 Deborah Reed made a Motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deborah Reed addressed the TOP Electric & Lighting Bid (\$365,200.00) for the Emergency Backup Generator and UPS Electrical Project and the Server Room Specifications. She allowed Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker to share information regarding her approval of a technology grant in which a portion will help cover the costs. She continued to explain what additional projects will be covered with this grant. Mrs. Schicker was commended. She verified that a requirement of receiving the grant is to provide proof of payment for the project by May, 2025.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

An additional discussion transpired regarding the project and its expense. Tom Paulson TOP Electric & Lighting President/Project Manager was present and answered questions from the Board Members. Deborah Reed made a Motion to proceed with the entire project and take the maximum of \$89,200 from the loan and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed. Tom Paulson was commended by several Board Members.

Following, Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps provided information regarding the projects that he intends to initiate at the Sheriff's Department. His plan of action includes various areas in the facility and will be funded through the Safety Tax Fund and his approved Budgeted monies. He encouraged everyone to come tour the areas to be renovated.

Prior to continuing with the Building & Historical Committee's report, Sheriff Cripps was allowed to present his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 84 inmates with 38 being Federal. He is hopeful that Marion County will continue to exceed the minimum amount of 25 Federal inmates housed in the jail, which will produce additional revenue for the County. He conveyed that the Jail was found to be non-compliant during its inspection due to the Commissary Audit not being completed. He requested that it be separated from the County Audit. In conclusion, he stated that the Jail inspector reviewed a 3-day period of cell checks in which the Correctional Officers exceeded the required amount of 144 with a total of 218 during that time period. He expressed gratitude to his Officers and Staff.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Deborah Reed conveyed that replacement of the deteriorating gutters at the Moose Building will begin next week. The cost of this project is \$1,000.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TYSON MCHENRY:

Approval of Bills: \$91,859.41 Tyson McHenry made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his report. Mr. Howell announced that there were 415 deaths during the year of 2024, including 100 Cancer related, 5 suicides, and 13 accidental deaths. The 2025 total deaths recorded as of this date is 52 which are mostly due to natural causes. He conveyed that he and a couple of his deputies are currently attending training classes.

Following, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator announced that this is the Agency's down time and has had very few calls. She stated that she has been working with the Regional Officer on the updates to the Emergency Operational Plan. One new item is the requirement for new volunteers to attend on line classes. A request was made by Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry for Mrs. Barter to provide an ESDA Vehicle Inventory Report to Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder. Lastly, she is anticipating a response from Braiff Communications regarding an Emergency Siren Maintenance and Inspection schedule.

Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that the Emergency Siren Maintenance and Repair Policy is still being developed.

Dr. Michael Douglas voiced his concerns regarding the siren located by Taco Bell in Salem.

In conclusion, a brief discussion regarding the Alma siren occurred. Tom Paulson from TOP Electric & Lighting confirmed that the electrical work had been completed and should now be functional.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN Tracy Murray:

Approval of Bills: \$3,692.86 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator was absent; therefore, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray presented his report. Mr. Murray stated that 4 dogs remain housed at Paws Here Veterinary Services with one being rehomed Friday of this week. Mr. Ferguson was commended for finding the other animals' owners and/or adopting them to new homes. A large amount of written reports from December, 2024 to the current date was shown to the Board Members. Chairman Mr. Murray conveyed that the addition of the Marion County Animal Control Facebook page has been an asset for the County.

Next, the invoices for housing the animals at Paws Here Veterinary Services were discussed and it was relayed that a \$500.00 donation was applied.

Committee Chairman Mr. Murray had been in communication with the City of Salem again, and they still do not want to work with Marion County Animal Control at this time. Additionally, he and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour met with the City of Centralia which Mr. Whritenour felt was a productive meeting. They are to follow up with a visit prior to the February 11, 2025 County & Community Committee Meeting.

A copy of the Dog Housing Agreement with the Doggie Den in Centralia was included in the Full Board Meeting Packet and was discussed. Tyson McHenry made a Motion to approve the Contract Agreement and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing with Old Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray recited the Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025. Board Member Debbie Smith suggested interchanging the times of the Insurance and Budget Committee Meetings. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Amended Notice of Marion County Committee Meetings and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder will make the changes and distribute the amended copy.

Lastly, Mr. Murray announced that the County does have a website available providing Marion County's general information.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray conveyed that documents remain in the process of being prepared and forwarded to American Legal Publishing.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray stated that there was nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Approval of Bills: \$444,185.50 David Iossi made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Co-Chairman Adam Smith conveyed that new information regarding the Resolutions on the Agenda was received. He reiterated that Marilea Snow resigned from the position of Acting County Engineer. After speaking with former Marion County Engineer Mike McCormick and the IDOT Engineer Josh Hensley consideration of appointing Board Secretary Lori Linder as the Acting County Engineer was suggested. State’s Attorney questioned if there would be a conflict with Mrs. Linder’s husband being an employee of the Marion County Highway Department. After a brief discussion, a decision to obtain proper clarification was made. In addition, a conversation regarding compensation for the Acting County Engineer occurred. A Special Personnel/Labor Relations and Road & Bridge Committees Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. The Resolution 2025-08: Addendum to Resolution 2024-115 – Road Use Agreement (Marion County) and an Ameren Resolution will be addressed at that time also.

Lastly, Mr. Smith recognized Marilea Snow for her additional work at the Highway Department during this period of not employing a Highway Engineer. His suggestion of an additional \$1,000.00 per month will also be discussed at the Meeting on Friday.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that the Committee has been conducting combined meetings with Road & Bridge; therefore, there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR:

Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that Iron Saddle Ranch renewed their liquor license.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Tyson McHenry made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:58 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board

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Full Board Meeting

Guests

William L. Skell	Bill Hunt
Harv Hunt	Ron Wood
Tommy Foutch	RICHARD JONES
Ron Pyles	EMILY HASSEBERCK
Kenneth Hopkins	ANGUS DISS
Chad Fyfe	Cheryl (Fisher)
Robert Hill	Ellen Bourger
Diana Hiltbrad	Mammy Burt
Yvonne Muelke-Helm	Spice Lynn - Wabe/Wala
Jay W	Cheri Canley
Archie Perry	Walt C. J
Landy Hemper	Stephen & Gretel
Jeanne Dumahnee	Tony Angelone
Shirley Barber	Marion Crandy ESDA
Maria Dumahnee	
Harlow	
Web Reed	
Clark Hye	
Sheila Jeanne Criss	
Karna Dunham	
Karl Dunham	
Matt & Sue Fjelskatter	
Terri Cree	
Louis L. Fogleman	

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Due to Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour and Vice Chairman Tyson McHenry being absent, Tracy Murray made a Motion to select Christopher Krupp as Temporary Chairman for this Meeting and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Meeting convened at 6:31 P.M. with Christopher Krupp, Temporary Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Tyson McHenry and Steve Whritenour.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, distributed a copy of the 2024 Annual Report (see attachment) and presented a summary of this information. During her presentation, she highlighted that Caitlyn Crain, Marion County Health Department's Director of Clinical Services was named the 2024 Illinois TB Nurse of the Year by the Illinois Council on TB. In addition, Ms. Crain has created an online Narcan training program for schools. The Financial Statement portion was also reviewed with a positive result. A brief discussion regarding the remaining articles occurred.

In conclusion, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions regarding TB within Marion County and its prevention. Ms. Mallow competently responded. Next, Board Member David Iossi questioned the makeup of the Department's Contingency Fund to which Ms. Mallow provided a short description.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Temporary Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that consideration regarding the funding for the Marion County Veteran's Assistance Commission Program will occur at the Combined Finance and Budget Committees Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025. He will be emailing the VAC Budget FY 2025 to Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder to distribute the Board Members to review prior to that meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated January 28, 2025 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, but a brief discussion regarding the availability of the Marion County Revenue and Expense Report transpired. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder explained that a pad of paper was available for people to sign up to receive an emailed copy of the report. Next, the consideration of placing the report on the Marion County Website will be discussed with Mr. Whritenour.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$91,357.89	\$84,048.14
1%	\$54,309.76	\$42,985.19

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox conveyed that a letter was received from Chief Mick McDanel regarding the reappointment of Edward Struckhoff as a Trustee of the Kell Fire Protection District Board; the term to begin May 1, 2025. Brock Waggoner questioned if had been examined by a Committee. Temporary Chairman Christopher Krupp responded that normally appointment/reappointments are placed on the Agenda without going through a Committee. Mr. Waggoner continued by stating that this issue was previously discussed, and that there was consideration of changes with respect of how they are addressed. A brief discussion occurred amongst the Board Members. Following, Brock Waggoner made a Motion to Table the reappointment without a second. Debbie Smith made a motion to reappoint Edward Struckhoff as a Trustee of the Kell Fire Protection District Board and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Temporary Board Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of monies that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$628.78. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-12 through 2025-14 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Krupp conveyed that he attended the Grant Writing Training workshop in Wellston, Missouri on February 19-20, 2025. He continued to briefly explain the benefits of attending this workshop, and will share additional information in the future.

Following, a copy of the completed FY 2022 Audit was distributed to all of the Board Members. A brief discussion transpired with questions and concerns. Mr. Krupp relayed that there were 4 findings on the Audit and presented a short summary of how they are being addressed. The preparation of the County Procurement Process Ordinance from the list is underway. A representative from WIPFLI will be asked to attend the Full Board Meeting in March to further address the Audit.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner began by expressing that the Budget numbers are anticipated to be available by the first of March and will be discussed after they are received.

Mr. Waggoner had prepared a list of assigned Committees to each Marion County Office Holder and distributed a copy to each Board Member. This will allow them to work together for Budgeting purposes and with answering any questions or concerns. After a brief evaluation of the list, Mike Douglas made a Motion to approve the Committees assigned to the Departments and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to the Voice Vote, Committee Member Christopher Krupp clarified that this could be altered if necessary in the future. In addition, Board member Cody Rose questioned why the Auditor referenced that the difficulties causing its delay was attributed to the County. Mr. Krupp stated that a review regarding this issue will be reviewed and addressed in the future. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Waggoner relayed that Marion County Clerk Steve Fox and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell will be attending an upcoming Joint Finance and Budget Committees Meeting to discuss the present billing and payment process. This presentation will be conducted on March 10, 2025.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that Todd Dobbs, Chaney and Karch Insurance owner and agent, attended the Committee Meeting conducted on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. to address the County's coverage from his agency. An additional agent, Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance, will be conducting a presentation with respect to his company's coverage for the County on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Iossi conveyed that a complete report regarding the policies for Marion County will be presented at the Full Board Meeting in April.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deborah Reed conveyed that the alarm on the Courthouse boiler system is functional. A notification was sent out when one of the pumps went out and currently needs to be replaced. The cost of this repair is approximately \$2,500.00. The boiler remains operational at this time.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Next, Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed asked Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments to address the window replacement at the Courthouse. He stated that the work is to begin the next morning in the Conference Room. It was suggested that the Elected Officials may want to consider closing their offices during the process in their areas due to the cold weather forecast. He conveyed that the completion date is uncertain. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned if the issue with the salt on the uninstalled windows would be cleaned prior to installation, and Mr. Miller responded that it would and that it is not effecting them. Board member Mike Douglas inquired the duration of the guarantee of the windows, in which Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder will research for this information in the contract and report back to the Board.

In conclusion, Mrs. Reed conveyed that the Generator and UPS for the Courthouse have been ordered. The computer room has been finished and the HVAC is 95% completed. Additionally, TOP Electric is currently working on their portion of the project. Committee Member David Iossi has pictures available for viewing of this area.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Deborah Reed stated that the issues with deteriorating gutters at the Moose Building has been repaired.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TYSON MCHENRY:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry was absent; therefore, Temporary Board Chairman Christopher Krupp continued with the Committee's report.

An email was received from Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps regarding his monthly report (see attachment) and the information was presented.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his report. Mr. Howell announced that there were currently 46 deaths during the month of February, including 44 Coroner cases and 2 medical cases. Of the 46 cases, 24 were cremations. His department also recorded 15 cancer cases for the month bringing the total to 21 for the year. He conveyed that he and a couple of his deputies are continuing to attend training classes. Mr. Howell was commended for the appearance of his truck from several of the Board Members.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator was absent; therefore, no report was given. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to table Resolution 2025-15: Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program for further information and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This will be addressed at a meeting when Mrs. Barter is present.

In conclusion, a brief discussion regarding the County paying for the remaining half of the Kinmundy emergency siren invoice transpired with a debate of which line item this would be funded. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to table the payment to determine which funds it would be taken from and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN Tracy Murray:

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator was absent; therefore, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray presented his report. Mr. Murray stated that 4 dogs are being housed at the

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Doggie Den in Centralia and 1 which was an abuse case is being treated at Crooked Creek Animal Hospital in Centralia. In addition, 10 dogs were picked up by Marion County Animal Control and all of their owners were located and are back home with them. Board member Debbie Smith conveyed that there was a possibility that the 4 at Doggie Den may have already been rehomed. Mr. Murray verified that the Doggie Den is being utilized, but that it is only a temporary housing facility. Christopher Krupp had questions regarding the abused animal. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Mr. Krupp will contact Sheriff Cripps for answers to his questions.

Mr. Murray reiterated for everyone to promote having pet owners spay and neuter their animals. In addition, he encouraged everyone to share and like the Marion County Animal Control Facebook page. The page is/has been an asset for the County.

Next, Mr. Murray conveyed that he and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour had an additional discussion with the City Manager of Centralia, but they are still not able to work with Marion County at this time.

Following, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray stated that “talks” are being made regarding a permanent facility for Marion County Animal Control.

Under New Business, Marion County Clerk was allowed to provide an explanation and describe the changes included in Ordinance 2025-02: Marion County Recorder Predictable Fees. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Thereafter, Mr. Murray addressed the correspondence from Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism. After a brief conversation, Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Recognition of Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism for fiscal year 2026 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Continuing with Old Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray stated that the Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025 is back on the Agenda because it has been amended for clarification of the verbiage regarding the dates of the meetings. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Amended Notice of Marion County Committee Meetings and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that he will accommodate his schedule to help Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder complete this project. He stated that the goal is to have all of the Resolutions/Ordinances to American Legal Publishing by the first week of March.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray stated that 2 companies had contacted him regarding Marion County support for Broadband. A copy of the Broadband Resolution was distributed to each of them for their Grant assistance application. Board Member Deborah Reed communicated that a copy of the Resolution is on the Marion County Website. After a short discussion, it was determined that an updated Broadband Resolution needs to be prepared.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Co-Chairman Adam Smith conveyed that he had had several conversations with an Alberici representative with respect to the Resolutions on the Agenda. He began by explaining that new information and various changes were made since the packet was distributed on Friday, February 21, 2025. A new Resolution was emailed to each Board Member prior to an extensive discussion being conducted. In conclusion, a decision to table 3 of the Resolutions and to consolidate them into one was made. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to table Resolution 2025-08: Addendum to Resolution 2024-115, Resolution 2025-17: Road Use Agreement (Marion County Highway System) Alberici, and Resolution 2025-18: Addendum-Road Use Agreement (Marion County Highway System) Alberici until the next Full Board Meeting and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

No action was taken on Resolution 2025-09: Road Use Agreement (Marion County Highway) Ameren.

Next, Mr. Smith addressed the remaining Resolutions and presented a brief description of each.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-10: Resolution Requesting Consent to the Appointment of an Acting County Engineer and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the duration of this position. Mr. Smith explained that it would only be in effect until a permanent Highway Engineer is hired. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-11: Resolution Establishing Compensation for Acting County Engineer and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, County Board Member Mike Douglas questioned who will be funding this position. Mr. Smith explained that this is a Road & Bridge matter and would be funded from the Highway Engineer's Salary line item and is budgeted in. Brock Waggoner questioned the pay period and was given an explanation of the process. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-16: Resolution Certifying Names (Alex Kreke) to Take the Examination for County Engineer and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that the Committee has been conducting combined meetings with Road & Bridge; therefore, there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Marion County Board Member Debbie Smith provided a brief description of the Committee's purpose.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR:

After Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder relayed that there were no new renewals for any liquor license, Temporary Board Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that information.

West's Smith-Hurd Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated

Chapter 55. Counties

Act 5. Counties Code (Refs & Annos)

Article 2. Governing Bodies (Refs & Annos)

Division 2-1. Counties Under Township Organization

55 ILCS 5/2-1003

Formerly cited as IL ST CH 34 ¶ 2-1003

5/2-1003. Chairman and vice-chairman of county board

Currentness

§ 2-1003. Chairman and vice-chairman of county board. The county board shall, unless the chairman is elected by the voters of the county, at its first meeting in the month following the month in which county board members are elected, choose one of its members as chairman for a term of 2 years and at the same meeting, choose one of its members as vice-chairman for a term of 2 years. The vice-chairman shall serve in the place of the chairman at any meeting of the county board in which the chairman is not present. In case of the absence of the chairman and the vice-chairman at any meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number as temporary chairman.

A chairman who is chosen by the county board may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the county board. Upon adoption of a motion to remove the chairman: (i) the chairman position becomes vacant and the former chairman's compensation shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) the vice-chairman immediately assumes the duties of chairman without chairman compensation; and (iii) a new chairman shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled county board meeting. A chairman removed under this Section maintains his or her status as a member of the county board.

Credits

P.A. 86-962, Art. 2, § 2-1003, eff. Jan. 1, 1990. Amended by P.A. 101-544, § 10, eff. Aug. 23, 2019.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 34, ¶ 2-1003.

55 I.L.C.S. 5/2-1003, IL ST CH 55 § 5/2-1003

Current through P.A. 103-1066 of the 2024 Reg. Sess. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details

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Full Board Meeting

Guests

MARK MILLER

Judith Meigs Hatim

Melissa Mallow

Sharon Woodward

Bob Reed

Ally Lee

Doug Linder

Bill Mann

Clare Keane

Bill Sings

Jeanne Duvallee

Bruce Kopp

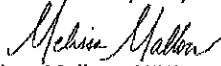
To the Citizens of Marion County

On behalf of the Marion County Board of Health, I present to you the 2024 Annual Report of the Marion County Health Department. This report is a statistical picture of the activities of the Marion County Health Department for the fiscal year December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, as we continue our efforts to promote and protect the health of the Marion County residents.

This year marks the 31st year of the continued commitment to the residents of Marion County. The Health Department has an important role in every resident's daily life, by providing food safety, sewer compliance, immunizations, health screenings, labs, disease surveillance, and preventative health services to mothers and children.

This Annual Report summarizes the services we provide and the occurrence of the specific diseases.

I would like to thank the Board of Health, the Marion County Board, and the residents of Marion County for your support.



Melissa Mallow, LEHP, BA Public Health Administrator



Mission Statement

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for citizens in Marion County through preventing disease and preventative health maintenance.

Marion County Board of Health

11/30/2024

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Kyle Clark, DMD

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Marion County Health Department Staff

11/30/2024

Administration

Melissa Mallow, LEHP, BA.....Public Health Administrator
 Cathy HaysAdministrative Secretary
 Bill Thouvenin.....Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Nursing Staff

Caitlyn Crain, BSN, RN....Director of Clinical Services
 Judy Jenkins, LPN.....Public Health Nurse
 Diane Kuhl, BSN, RN.....Public Health Nurse
 Terri Adams, RN..Director of Family Services
 Michelle Hall, RN.....MCH Nurse
 Paige Meigs, RNMCH Nurse
 Kay Moore, RNMCH Nurse
 Cathy Jourdan, RN.....MCH Nurse

Environmental Health

Jenna Davis, BPH.....Supervising Sanitarian
 Seth OrrillHealth Inspector
 Shawnda CushmanEnvironmental Health & Financial Secretary

Support Staff

Cheryl Back, AAS...Billing/Computer Specialist
 Artina Fogerson WIC Secretary
 Jaime Ferguson..... WIC Secretary
 Pam Farmer Front Desk Secretary
 Stacey Arnold Front Desk Secretary
 Gina Phillips Front Desk Secretary
 Vanessa Rostance..... Front Desk Secretary
 Kat Dailey..... Breastfeeding Peer Supervisor
 Lyndsey Burge.....Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
 Rebecca Marcum.....Phlebotomist

Services Offered

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Breast Feeding Support
- Communicable Disease Control
- COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Emergency Preparedness/Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- Family Case Management
- FIT Testing (Fecal Immunochemical Test)
- Food, Private Sewage & Private Water Programs
- Gun Locks
- HIV Counseling & Testing
- Immunizations
- Influenza & Pneumonia Vaccinations
- International Travel Immunizations
- Lab Services
- Lead Screenings & Case Management
- Opioid Overdose Education & Narcan Distribution
- Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing
- Tanning and Body Art Inspections
- TB Control Program
- Tick Surveillance
- Vision & Hearing Screenings
- West Nile Virus Program
- WIC

Salem Office

118 Cross Creek Boulevard
 (618) 548-3878

Immunizations

Every Monday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 By Appointment

We now except most insurance plans

Lab Services

Every Wednesday and Thursday,
 8 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
 By appointment

Blood Pressure Screenings

Walk-ins Welcome

Centralia Office

1013 North Poplar
 (618) 532-6518

Immunizations

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1013 North Poplar, Centralia

Communicable Disease & Chronic Disease

Tuberculosis Control

Skin Tests Administered	237
LTBI	10
Active Cases	2

Chronic Disease Control

Blood Pressure Screenings	5
Lab Draws	993

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Chlamydia	147
Gonorrhea	52
Syphilis	8

Communicable Disease Investigations

Salmonella	2
Hepatitis B	22
Hepatitis C	55
Histoplasmosis	4
Chicken Pox	2

HIV Testing

Tests	27
Cases Investigated	2

Immunizations & Screenings

Immunizations

Immunization Clinics	94
Persons Immunized	1,574
Vaccines Administered	2,060
Hep A	118
Hep B	49
Influenza	524
Gardasil	32
Meningitis	191
Shingrix	23
Tdap	173
Rotavirus	46
Varicella	92
RSV	29
MMR	90

Lead Screenings 467

Vision and Hearing Screenings 5

Narcan Distributed

General Public	47 (boxes)
Schools	11 (boxes)

TB Nurse of the Year

By: *Melissa Mallow
Administrator*

Caitlyn Crain, Marion County Health Department's Director of Clinical Services, was named the 2024 Illinois TB Nurse of the Year by the Illinois Council on TB. Caitlyn was nominated for this award by IDPH because she embodies qualities of an excellent nurse. She is a problem solver, using her limited resources to maximum effect. She is a lifelong learner. She learned the standard of care and provides that. Caitlyn is also a critical thinker, able to find solutions when things get off track.

Narcan Training For Schools

By: *Melissa Mallow
Administrator*

In late December 2023, the Marion County Health Department (MCHD) was contacted by a few local schools asking about Narcan training and distribution. The Illinois School Code had been updated requiring Narcan to be available at schools and Narcan trained individuals on the school campus. At that time, there was no state sponsored training that was geared towards the requirements of the law.

Caitlyn Crain, MCHD's Director of Clinical Services, created an online training program. The training is based on the IDPH training materials given to MCHD as a DOPP/OEND (Drug Overdose Prevention Program/Overdose Education and Narcan Distribution center), CDC facts, and SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) publications. Subsections of the Illinois School Code (h-5) also require a "test demonstrating competency", so at the end of the training there is a written test for the trainees to take and can print the completed test to demonstrate competency. With the testing program, Caitlyn is able to gather data on what questions were missed, who took the test and passed, so she can have a record/data on how well the program/training is performing. The training is uploaded onto Marion County Health Department's website.

Information about the free Narcan training was posted on MCHD's Facebook page and emailed to Matt Renaud, Regional Superintendent of Schools. As of November 30, 2024, there have been 127 educational staff who completed the Narcan training on MCHD's website. Also, MCHD has given out 11 boxes of free Narcan to the schools who request it. Each box has 2 single-dose nasal spray devices.



Maternal and Child Health

By: **Terri Adams**
 Director of Family Services

WIC, Family Case Management, APORS, Healthworks, WIC Farmers Market, Breastfeeding Peer Counseling and Hearing/Vision are all areas that fall under the Maternal Child Health Department.

We offer many services through these programs— Nutrition and Breastfeeding Education, Depression screenings, Developmental screenings, Fluoride varnish applications, Immunizations, Hearing and Vision screenings, Lead screenings and Hgb screenings.

WIC and Family Case Management (FCM) programs help reduce premature births, infant deaths and low birth weights. These programs also improve mothers' diet and health, increases preventative care and immunization rates among children. APORS goes along with FCM. These are high risk infants who have more extensive health problems or have been exposed to drugs. These infants are followed until they are two years old, extra screenings and follow up with them are completed throughout this time period.

Healthworks is another program we participate in. These are children in DCFS custody in our county. Maternal and Child Health Nurses are considered medical case managers and these children are followed from birth to six years of age. We make sure they are getting the exams and screenings that are mandated through DCFS.

Some of our nutritional educations can be over the phone now, which makes it easier for our clients with transportation problems or with work. Under special circumstances we can make other appointments over the phone, but these are specialized and will have to be approved by the director.

In addition to the RN Director, our full time Maternal Child Health Staff is comprised of four Registered Nurses, two Breastfeeding Peer Counselors, and two Clerical Staff.

Maternal & Child Nursing Services

WIC Caseload (Average).....	1,200
Pediatric Developmental Screenings.....	1,366
Perinatal and Pediatric Hemoglobin Tests.....	1,292
Pediatric Fluoride Varnish Application.....	575
Perinatal Women Depression Screenings.....	584
WIC Nutritional Education Sessions.....	1,778
Breast Pumps Provided.....	20
Healthworks Caseload.....	805
APORS Investigations.....	100

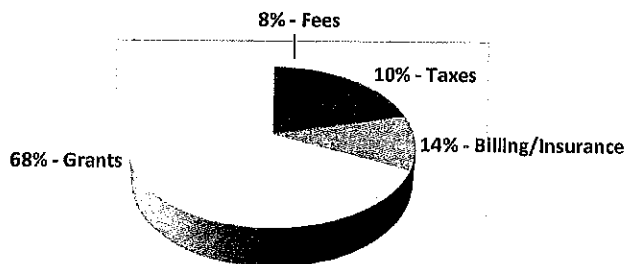


Financial Statement

Revenue

State & Federal Grants	\$1,238,232.29
State & Federal Billing	11,011.25
Local Taxes.....	182,238.14
Interest	64,002.75
Permits.....	14,045.00
Fees.....	94,415.82
Insurance Billing.....	162,276.43
Miscellaneous	4,566.86
Past CD's Interest.....	38,745.35

Total Revenue **\$1,809,533.89**



Expenditures

Salaries	\$915,105.49
Fringe Benefits	211,685.95
Travel / Training	14,326.31
Contractual.....	60,177.71
Commodities	87,681.10
Vaccine	93,309.46
Fees	42,074.41
Contingencies	162,530.87
Equipment.....	6,269.46

Total Expenditures **\$1,593,160.76**

Balance

Cash Balance as of December 1, 2023 **\$1,419,081.99**

Cash Balance as of November 30, 2024 **\$1,635,455.12**

Environmental Health

By: Melissa Mallow
Administrator

The goal of the Marion County Health Department is the prevention of the occurrence of infectious diseases in Marion County. To protect the people within the county from and transmitting infectious diseases, the Division of Environmental Health performs a comprehensive food protection program and several environmental programs.

The Division of Environmental Health permits and performs inspections on all permanent, mobile, and temporary food service establishments in Marion County. It is the purpose and intent of these inspections and regulations to promote safe food handling practices and to prevent the outbreak of foodborne illness. Our primary goal is to assist the operator in preventing any foodborne illness through education and inspections. At these inspections, the Environmental Health Division is checking various food temperatures, proper personal hygiene, and proper sanitation techniques.

Many citizens of Marion County rely on private water wells for their water supply. To protect these citizens from contracting or transmitting waterborne diseases, the Division of Environmental Health, upon request, collects and submits private water well samples to a state lab for both bacterial and chemical analysis. Procedures and literature for treating or correcting any deficiencies of an existing water well are supplied to the owner when an unsatisfactory analysis is received.

The private sewage program is performed in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health's Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act and Code to prevent the transmission of disease-causing organisms, environmental contamination and nuisances resulting from improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal from private sewage systems. Any new or renovated system must be installed by an Illinois licensed private sewage contractor or the homeowner and permitted through the Marion County Health Department.

The Division of Environmental Health performs annual inspections at each tanning facility in Marion County. At each inspection, the health department will check customer records and each tanning bed to ensure the public's safety. In Illinois, no one under 18 years old is allowed to use a tanning bed.

The Division of Environmental Health performs annual inspections at each body art facility in Marion County. Body art is body piercing and tattoos. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe blood supply. In Illinois, no one under 18 years old may receive a tattoo.

Each June, July and August, the Environmental Health Division will set gravid traps for the Vector Surveillance program. The gravid traps will collect Culex mosquitoes, which are the primary vector of West Nile virus. Once the Culex mosquitoes have been collected, the environmental health division will test them for West Nile Virus.

Food Protection

Routine Inspections	433
Complaint Inspections	15
Follow-Up Inspections	57
Temporary Food Inspections.....	44
Pre-Operational Inspections.....	19
Permits Issued	212

Private Sewage

Routine Inspections	48
Complaint Inspections	7
Permits Issued	46

Private Water

New and Existing Well Inspections.....	2
Closed Loop Well Inspections.....	1

Tanning

Routine Inspections	6
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Body Art

Routine Inspections	5
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West Nile Virus Surveillance

Mosquito Pools Tested	3
Mosquito Production Sites Investigated	1
Birds Tested	1

Administration and Staff of the Marion County Health Department





Sheriff's Office monthly report

From Kevin Cripps <kcripps@marionco.illinois.gov>

Date Mon 2/24/2025 2:26 PM

To Steve Whritenour <swwhritenour@marionco.illinois.gov>; Tyson Mchenry <tmchenry@marionco.illinois.gov>;
Lori Linder <llinder@marionco.illinois.gov>; Deb Reed <dreed@marionco.illinois.gov>

Cc Anthony Decker <adecker@marionco.illinois.gov>; Troy Reed <treed@marionco.illinois.gov>

Good afternoon,

Just wanted to let you all know, I will not be at the meeting tomorrow night (2/25/2025) as it is the same night as my son's Christmas gift to see the St. Louis Blues in action. If you need to forward this email to someone else, please do.

I did want you all to know the following information however,
In January, the Marion County Sheriff's Office handled;

1194 Calls for Service (ave. 39 calls per day)

55 Prisoner transports

104 inmates booked into the jail

7,811 meals prepared and served at a average cost of \$1.98 each.

*as of today 2-24-25, we have **70** inmates and **39** federal inmates*

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL BUILDING UPDATES

Windows are on site and will begin installation on Wednesday. Hope to do three windows per day. They will do the entire ground floor first beginning in the break room.

Server room is coming along fairly well. Others may have a better update on this.

old public visitation room is being converted into a Juvenile holding room and is in process of being completed at the jail.

No other activity at this time and I will try and give updates as the projects go along.

Hope you all have a great meeting.

Sheriff Kevin W. Cripps
Marion County Sheriff's Office
204 N. Washington St.

Salem, Illinois 62881

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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Sharon Woodward and Debbie Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth was scheduled to go into Closed Session to discuss Opioid Litigation, but accepted the postponement of his discussion.

Sidonie Shira, Apex Clean Energy Development Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation. A thorough description of their equipment and services was explained. A proposed project location is off of Dickey Pond Road in Vernon, Illinois. Previous correspondence was issued verifying that Marion County does not have any codes, zoning or permitting requirements in the Non-Incorporated Areas. The Charlottesville, Virginia company's financial advisers are requesting an addition Resolution approved by Marion County. Questions from the Board Members were welcomed and answered. David Iossi made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-23: Resolution Confirming the Construction and Operation of Swamp Fox Solar as a Prior Non-Conforming Use in Marion County and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Next, Robert White had questions regarding the solar farm projects in Marion County. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour clarified that any questions will not be answered during this time, but can be forwarded to him via email or written correspondence in which he will respond. He voiced an additional concern was the unavoidable bridge replacement on Penrod Road in Omega Township. He would like the County to consider taking back ownership of this road.

Lastly, Josh Dunahee commended the Marion County Board and the Elected Officials for their diligence during the last few months.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated February 25, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman stated that there was nothing new to report.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth conveyed that a letter was received from South Central Illinois Mass Transit District regarding the reappointment of Janet Carter-Sullens as Board of Director of South Central Illinois Mass Transit District for the next term. Her term is to expire April 10, 2025. Tyson McHenry made a Motion to reappoint Janet Carter-Sullens and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote Board Members Brock Waggoner and Mike Douglas expressed their concerns regarding the procedure of how the Board addresses the appointments/reappointments from various agencies. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Mike Douglas and Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth conveyed that a letter was received from Salem Fire Protection District regarding the reappointment of Larry H. Clark to the Salem Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for the next term. His term is to expire May 1, 2025. Tracy Murray made a Motion to reappoint Larry H. Clark and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Mike Douglas and Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth conveyed that a letter was received from Letter from Odin Fire District regarding the reappointment of Rod Hawley to the Odin Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for an additional term. Tyson McHenry made a Motion to reappoint Rod Hawley and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Mike Douglas and Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth conveyed that a letter was received from Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District regarding the reappointment of Roger W. Meyer to the Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for an additional 3-year term commencing on May 1, 2025. Adam Smith made a Motion to reappoint Roger W. Meyer and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Mike Douglas and Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Steve Whritenour presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.
Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$95,144.09	\$93,785.29
1%	\$54,777.82	\$49,260.96

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp introduced Josh Faivre, WIPFLI Senior Manager, Audit who appeared via ZOOM. A copy of the Marion County, Illinois FY 2022 Audit Recap was distributed to all of the Board Members prior to this Meeting. Mr. Faivre thoroughly reviewed and discussed the FY 2022 Audit findings with the Board and answered their questions.

In addition, Board Member Brock Waggoner inquired what caused the delay in getting the results from the past Audits and what could be done to avoid this from happening in the future. Mr. Faivre reiterated information that was relayed at previous meetings. With respect to the FY 2021 Audit, he conveyed the effects of the County's new software and its issues and how after losing their auditor they had difficulty hiring a new one. Both of these problems caused its delay. WIPFLI also had issues with the software and reconciling accounts for the FY 2022 Audit. In addition, the company lost members of their Audit staff. He continued by stating that the FY 2023 Audit engagement letter was signed this afternoon and the plan of action for completing it has begun by notifying all of the Department Heads via email. He would like to see a completion date of the end of May, 2025. Immediately after, the FY 2024 Audit will be addressed and if needed a 2-month extension can be applied for. Board Member Mike Douglas also had questions regarding reconciling the accounts and if the issues are caused by the accounting system or low staffing. Mr. Faivre responded that he feels that it is not a system issue, but to communicate with the Treasurer's office to see if any additional help is needed. Board Member Deb Reed commented that implementing Automated Clearing House (ACH) is a possibility to be taken into consideration. In conclusion, Mr. Waggoner requested that a copy of the list of items that the Auditor has requested from the Elected Officials be sent to the Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder.

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp commended Josh Faivre for actively rectifying the issues with the past due audits. The FY 2021 and 2022 Commissary Audits and the Circuit Clerk's Audits have also been completed. Mr. Faivre welcomed any questions or concerns.

The County Procurement Process Ordinance is anticipated to be ready for the Board's approval at the April 22, 2025 Full Board Meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner began by conveying that a Joint Budget and Finance Committees Meeting was conducted on Monday, March 10, 2025. During that time a training session regarding the Marion County billing and payment process was presented by Marion County Clerk Steve Fox and an informative presentation by Whitney Strohmeier, Joseph E. Meyer, Inc., County Trustee Program (Delinquent Real Estate & Mobile Home Taxes) occurred.

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp recommended discussing the Veteran's Assistance Commission funding at the next Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that the last Committee Meeting was conducted on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. with guest Todd Dobbs, Chaney & Karch Insurance Group addressing the County's coverage from his agency. An additional agent, Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance, will be conducting a presentation with respect to his company's coverage for the County on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Prior to the Building & Historical Committee report, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour expressed that the Board needs to accept the FY 2022 Audit and entertained a Motion. Jack Riley made the Motion to Accept the FY 2022 Audit and was seconded by Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – No nays. (Judith Meeks-Hakim had briefly stepped out of the room.) Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deb Reed addressed the Old Business items first.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented an update on the window project at the Courthouse and presented a power point which included bringing attention to the issues that employees are having with the sun shining through the windows in their offices. This affects their productivity due to glare on their computer scenes. Several offices have taken it upon themselves to place cardboard in the windows to reduce the exposure from the sun. Lastly, he commended Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller and the Board for managing this project. He expressed that in his opinion the replacement of the windows will have a great benefit for energy conservation.

Next, Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed continued with the topics listed under New Business. Further discussion and consideration for the window blinds for the Courthouse offices transpired. An email that included an example of the ad and the details for the blinds was sent to the Board Members prior to this evening's Meeting. Deb Reed made a Motion to put out to bid for window blinds for the Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Mike Douglas questioned which account the payment would be made from, and Mrs. Reed responded that it would be included in the window, generator, and UPS loan. The totals for the projects were also included in the email. An amended Motion to put out for bids and place the bid information on the Marion County website was made by Deb Reed and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed. A brief discussion regarding "a temporary fix" for the windows transpired.

The window warranty information was included in the Full Board Meeting packet and was discussed. There is a 2-year finish warranty on the storefront and a 10-year for seal failure on the insulating glass from the manufacturer. Gardner Glass has a 1-year warranty for the workmanship for leakage or installation error. Sheriff Cripps verified that the ruts caused by Gardner Glass' equipment on the Courthouse lawn will be taken care of when the entire lawn is leveled during a future project.

In conclusion, a brief discussion occurred with respect to the quote for the 4 missing windows in the Public Service Building. The cost of the omitted windows is \$4,560.00. Deb Reed made a Motion to

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

purchase the 4 windows using the loan previously mentioned and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TYSON MCHENRY:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his February, 2025 report. Sheriff Cripps stated that his Department responded to 1,277 calls (average of 39/day). There were 54 prisoner transports and they booked 104 people into the jail. A total of 6,316 meals were prepared by the Department's cooks with a cost of \$1.99 per meal. Currently, 65 inmates are being housed at the facility with 35 Federals and 1 juvenile in custody in Knox County, which is an extremely costly expense for the County. At the present time the rate is \$150 per day, and St Clair County is raising their cost to \$350 for the first day, then \$250 per day thereafter. He conveyed that finding a Juvenile Facility that has space available for these adolescents is becoming more difficult and as an alternative Marion County is utilizing Electronic Home Confinement Monitors. In conclusion, he conveyed that members of the Department will be participating in VR training and the FY 2022 Commissary Audit has been completed with no issues.

Prior to the Marion County Coroner's report, an additional conversation regarding Juveniles and the Juvenile Detention Centers took place.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his report. Mr. Howell announced that he had just returned from a 40-hour training in Decatur, Illinois which was very informative. He communicated that his office has made a couple of changes to help save monies for the County and to become more efficient. One change that was made is with reference to the Toxicology Group that he utilizes. The new facility is NMS, which has a quicker turn around and a broader spectrum regarding results, and also is less expensive. This agency is commonly used by other Counties in the state of Illinois. In addition, the Illinois Medical Examiner's Association Mutual Aid Agreement was signed by Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour this evening for its completion. He reported for the month of February, 2025 that there were 51 death calls including 48 Coroner calls and 3 Medical cases. He continued by conveying there were 32 cremations, 50 natural deaths with 13 contributed to cancer, 32 other, and 1 accidental. The month of March has currently had 27 deaths. In conclusion, he commended his team and also the Board for their support.

Following, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator reviewed her written report (see attachment). She mentioned that an updated maintenance policy for the emergency sirens is necessary due to the fact that the last one was written and approved in 1996. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour provided a brief explanation of the CommanderOne Emergency System that is being installed by Braniff Communications. After questioning from Board Member Deb Reed, Mrs. Barter will explore if an Intergovernmental Agreement exists with Ramsey, Illinois with reference to Marion County ESDA helping with traffic control during their town wide auction. She continues to seek volunteers for her agency.

Under New Business, the Marion County ESDA Coordinator position discussion was moved to the Closed Meeting Session portion of this meeting. Mrs. Barter provided an explanation of Resolution 2025-15: Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program that was tabled on February 25, 2025

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

for further information. A debate amongst Board members referencing if this resolution only pertains to ESDA transpired. Mrs. Barter will be exploring the possibility of it including additional departments and report back to the Board. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to table the Resolution “pending further investigation about it being issued to the County versus to only County ESDA” and was seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, a brief discussion regarding the Kinmundy emergency siren invoice transpired, and it was determined that no further action from the County Board is necessary.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour suspended the County & Community Committee Report and addressed the Road & Bridge Committee.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Co-Chairman Tim McCance conveyed that Alex Kreke, the candidate for the Marion County Highway Engineer, had taken the IDOT certification examination, and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour verified that he had passed the test. Pending the completion of the State of Illinois’ “paperwork,” Mr. Kreke’s start date is anticipated to be between April 15 and May 1, 2025.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith commended Marilea Snow, Marion County Highway Department Administrative Assistant, for providing MFT fund information at the Joint Personnel/Labor Relations and Road & Bridge Committees Meeting conducted on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. He communicated that the topic of possible relocation of the Highway Department was also discussed at this Meeting and will be addressed at future Road & Bridge Committee Meetings.

Next, a discussion with respect to Marion County drafting a Resolution against proposed Bills HB2515, SB2504, and SB2217 (Eliminate Township Government, and the Counties absorb the Road Districts and Assessments) occurred. State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth voiced that nothing has to be done at this time from the County.

Mrs. Snow presented a brief monthly report. She stated that the senior technician at the Highway Department has completed 5 major projects since Labor Day, 2025, and they are just waiting for final approval from IDOT for payment. An additional project involving a railroad crossing will begin next month. She conveyed that the new Engineer should not have any issues coming into the Department.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the utilization of the MFT funds will be address in a future Committee Meeting.

Next, Mr. Smith addressed the remaining Resolutions and he and Mrs. Snow presented a brief description of each.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-19: County 2025 Aggregate Bid Approval 25-00000-00-GM and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-20: Township 2025 Aggregate Bid Approval 25-(01-17)000-00-GM and was seconded by Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes (Jack Riley briefly stepped out of the room) – No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-21: ROW Permit Raccoon Water Company/Green Street Directional Boring and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: 12 ayes (Jack Riley briefly stepped out of the room) – No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-22: ROW Permit Delta Communications, LLC dba Clearwave Fiber/East Green Street Installation of Fiber Optic Cable and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: 12 ayes (Jack Riley briefly stepped out of the room) – No nays. Motion passed.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-17: Road Use Agreement (Marion County Highway System) Alberici and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-08: Addendum to Resolution 2024-115 – Road Use Agreement (Marion County Highway System, no second was made. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-18: Addendum – Road Use Agreement (Marion County Highway System) Alberici, no second was made. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Prior to the conclusion of the Road & Bridge Committee's report, Mike Douglas had questions with regards to the Solar Fox project not having a road use agreement with Marion County. He was told that the project is in its early stages and that one may be coming before the County in the future.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that he will be addressing the Committee's report during the Closed Session later this evening.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN Tracy Murray:

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator was absent; therefore, no report was given.

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray stated that the Marion County Animal Control Facebook page has been very beneficial. The Doggie Den in Centralia is still being utilized as a housing facility, and is also helping with rehoming the animals and/or getting them back to their original owners.

Next, Mr. Murray Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed the Big R Credit Application. Mr. Whritenour explained that this would only be used for Marion County Animal Control food and supplies. An Illinois Sales Tax Exemption Certificate will also be submitted for these purchases. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Submitting a Big R Credit Application and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee - Continued

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

No report.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

No report.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour communicated that H & J Golf Course (DBA Colonial) had renewed their Liquor License.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

No report.

The Reports from the Special Committees were not addressed.

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Litigation, Real Estate, and Personnel was made by Tracy Murray and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Sharon Woodward and Debbie Smith.

Closed Session began at 8:54 P.M.

Came out of Closed Session at 10:29 P.M.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion for Marion County to amend its pleadings to go against the Pharmacy Benefit Entities and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Jack Riley made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and was second by Cody Rose. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 10:36 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 4/22/25



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board

3-25-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Judith MacIsaac-Holmes

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Wynne & Bobbette Wilkins

Marilee Snow

John Henry -

MARK MILLER

Cady Merrick

Sidney Spitzer

Jeanne Munakke

Mark Baxter

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Kevin Cripps - ~~Stent~~

Bruce Kropp, WJBT

Dennis Rosenberger, The Sentinel

Tiffany Schicker, Marion Co. Circuit Clerk

Tom Hudspeth, Marion Co. State's Atty

Claude Howell, Marion Co. Coroner

Lori

Marion County ESDA March 2024 Monthly Report

March 1st

Antique Power Days held their Spring Consignment Auction at the fairgrounds. Though the weather was very cold, it did not slow down the people from coming out all day.

I reserved the ½ payment for the Kinmundy siren repair and maintenance in the amount of \$2,889.50, I gave this to Gary Purcell in the treasures office to put back on my account.

Braniff Communications came on the 10th of this month and installed the new siren in Alma, just in time for the storms that weekend. I have a copy to the bill for this and I will be turning it in so I can get a check cut.

The money for this has already been put into my account from the insurance company. The cost of installing the new siren was \$27,730.00 and the insurance covered all of it.

Jeff Reba will be back here to have a meeting with Chairman Steve on the 26th, which is Wednesday.

I had my EOC open due to the storms earlier this month and my team were out watching the weather on all sides of the county.

We assisted the sheriff department with 2 calls this month, one was with a tree blocking the road and power poll to be replaced. The other was a structure fire, road had to be closed to traffic. 2 units / 2 person for each call.

I also want to apologize to the sheriff's office, because I did not have enough guys to help, I have had a couple members down ill, one of those include Greg Masters who came down very ill and was hospitalized for 2 weeks then had to go to the rehab for a month at Doctors. He is still recovering but is home now with oxygen. So I would ask you to keep him and all my members in your prayers.

I have finished my IL-CATT (Illinois Capability Assessment and Tracking Tool and IPP (Integrated Preparedness Plan) reviewed and updates within a two year planning cycle. I will be working on my EOP (Emergency Operational Plan)

making changes per the states request and updating any information that may have changed, contacts, etc. Also I will be working on getting the LEPC reorganized. (Local Emergency Planning Committee)

When COVID hit, this planning committee just got lost, not just here but all over the state. Now my Director is working on getting this all back up and running again. I will have to find out who was on the committee in the past and work from there. This will be totally something new for me.

My quarterly report is due by March 31st, but do to the State funding being put on hold or stopped because of the Government. This will be on hold ~~be~~ now.

March 17-22

PKC Coon Hunters World Champion Hunt 2025

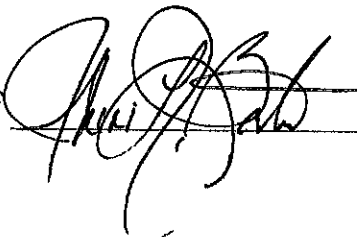
On the first cast night there were about 350-400, plus dogs.

For April, we will be assisting at Ramsey for traffic for their Town wide auction, which is on the 5th.

And the PKC Coon Hunters will be back for the Spring Super Stakes Champion, this is 21st – 26th

Date March 25, 2025

Signed off



SPECIAL MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 7:08 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Chris Krupp and Debbie Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Bruce Kropp, WJBD, and Dennis Rosenberger, The Sentinel.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour allowed Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed to address the Window Blind bids for the Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building. Mrs. Reed stated that 2 bids (see attachments) were received and opened during the Committee Meeting conducted the previous evening, and an agreement was made to bring the Chapman's Furniture quote to the Full Board for its approval. A brief description of the proposed blinds was given. Deb Reed made a Motion to approve the Chapman's Furniture bid of \$43,540.00 for the window blinds at the Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if this was going to be the last item included on the Window, Generator, and GPS loan. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour verified that it ought to be. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments will be contacting Chapman's Furniture to follow through with this project.

Following, Mr. Whritenour authorized Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner to provide information regarding Ordinance 2025-03: Amendment to Budget Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance 2024-07 (FY 2025). Mr. Waggoner announced that he had conversations with Justin Greeley, Bellwether LLC. with respect to restoring the monies to the Marion County Sheriff Department's Budget. This included \$200,000.00 reclaimed in the Building Improvement line item and \$12,000.00 in a new line item, Software Maintenance. A thorough discussion transpired. Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03 and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour clarified why Resolution 2025-26: Resolution Appointing County Engineer (Alex Kreke) was coming before the Board. It is an Illinois Department of Transportation formality regarding the completion process of hiring a Marion County Highway Department Engineer. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that after receiving Alex Kreke's certification notification, Mr. Kreke is eligible for the appointment to the Marion County Engineer position with a tentative start date of May 1, 2025. Judith Meeks-Hakim made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-26 and was seconded by Adam Smith. After a brief discussion it was determined to take a Roll Call Vote instead of a Voice Vote. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Thereafter, Chairman Mr. Whritenour distributed a copy of the Animal Boarding Agreement (see attachment) to each Marion County Board Member. He described how the contract with Doggie Den in Centralia will be expiring on April 15, 2025 and that a new location needed to be found. He relayed that he had met with the new owners of Barking Lot in Centralia and explained to them the issues that Marion County Animal Control are having. They are willing to help with resolving the housing situations of the animals picked up in Marion County. Mr. Whritenour provided information regarding the services that the Barking Lot facility offers. After speaking with them, he conveyed that he had drafted an Animal Boarding Agreement with Barking Lot and taken it to Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth for his input and consent to present it to the Board for its approval. Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator had questions and concerns, which were addressed by Mr. Whritenour. An additional detailed discussion transpired. Mr. Whritenour stated that item Number 10 on the Animal Boarding Agreement is to be stricken. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve the Agreement provided minus point Number 10 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Before moving forward with the Meeting, County & Community Chairman and Board Member Tracy Murray emphasized that this is a lower monthly expense and indicated that it is a better alternative to the Agreement offered last year. He commended Steve Whritenour for his work and submitting this option. Multiple Board Members shared the same sentiment.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to go into Closed Session for discussion of the ESDA Coordinator position and the Marion County Highway Staffing and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Adam Smith, and David Iossi.

A brief break occurred prior to the beginning of the Closed Session.

Closed Session began at 7:43 P.M.

Came out of Closed Session at 8:23 P.M.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to reaffirm that the Marion County ESDA Coordinator position is a part time position as it has always been in Marion County and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Tracy Murray made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and was second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:25 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Steven A Fox

Date: 5-27-25

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



Chapman's Design and Furniture
210 W. Main
P.O. Box 131
Salem Il, 62881
Phone 618-548-2221
Cell 618-267-4309

I would like to submit the following bid
Shades for 93 windows.

All windows that are 107 long will have 1 shade on 1/3 top of window and 1 shade on 2/3 bottom of window. This will allow better operations and safety.

Expected delivery 2-3 weeks Install time 2 weeks or less

PRICE COMPLETE- \$43,540.00

½ deposit at time of order, balance on completion.
Manufactured by: Western Window Coverings.

All shades are real wood
All shades will have a wood valance
to cover head rail
All shades are cordless
Price includes installation

Thank You

Leon Chapman

318 S. 10th St.
 Mount Vernon, IL 62864
Where Friends Send Friends



TO:

Marion County Board Secretary
 Marion County Court House
 100 E. Main St.
 Room 201
 Salem, IL 62881

FROM:

One Stop Flooring America, Inc.
 318 South 10th St.
 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
 618-242-5712 Fax 618-242-5783
 Date: 4/7/2025

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
		<p>Provide Custom real wood 2-inch horizontal window blinds (Hunter Douglas – Alta) for 93 windows, with wood Valance, cordless operation at Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building.</p> <p>Delivery and Installation 30 – 45 days of approval.</p> <p>We will measure the exact window size before ordering blinds.</p> <p>50% Deposit at time of order, balance due upon completion of installation.</p> <p>Performance bond & proof of insurance can be provided at time bid is awarded if needed</p>		
			TOTAL	\$61,695.00*

**Price includes freight & installation. Sales tax is not applicable.*

ANIMAL BOARDING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 15th day of April 2025, between Mutts Ventures LLC, DBA The Barking Lot, an Illinois LLC, hereinafter referred to as The Barking Lot, and the County of Marion, Illinois, a county government, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY.

WHEREAS, COUNTY employs its own Animal Control WARDEN to enforce animal control laws within the County; and

WHEREAS, in performance of his duties, said Animal Control Warden has to impound dogs which need to be held in a suitable animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY does not own or operate an animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, The Barking Lot owns and operates an animal boarding facility within Marion County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement to allow COUNTY to impound dogs at The Barking Lot's animal facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto contract and agree as follows:

1. This agreement shall take effect and be in full force beginning on April 15th, 2025, and lasting until its expiration on December 31st, 2025, and shall commence upon approval by both the Marion County Board and appropriate officer(s) of The Barking Lot.

2. Unless cancelled by either party as stated below prior to the end of the term set forth in paragraph 1 above, the term of this agreement shall thereafter automatically be extended for an additional six months. Either party may cancel or terminate this agreement at any time upon (30) thirty days written notice to the other party.

3. As compensation for The Barking Lot's services, the COUNTY shall pay The Barking Lot the sum of \$5,000 per month.

4. The Barking Lot does hereby authorize the COUNTY to impound in The Barking Lot's animal boarding facility those dogs picked up by the Marion County's Animal Control Warden in the performance of his duties in all areas of Marion County. The Barking Lot has the right to refuse impoundment at any time deemed necessary due to an animal deemed overly aggressive or dangerous.

5. The Barking Lot agrees to keep 12 dog kennels available to the COUNTY at all times.

6. All dogs brought to The Barking Lot by the COUNTY will be properly vaccinated for Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella prior to impoundment/boarding.

7. The Barking Lot agrees to board a dog impounded by COUNTY for a period of 14 days, at the end of which COUNTY must take possession of the dog and remove it from The

Barking Lot's facility. Alternatively, at the end of the 14 day period, The Barking Lot may agree to and hereby does reserve the right to assume ownership of a dog at their discretion at the end of the 14-day period.


8. The Marion County Animal Warden along with The Barking Lot will make every effort to rehome, adopt, and rescue all dogs during the 14 day period.

9. In exchange for the payment made hereunder, The Barking Lot will provide food and shelter for the dogs housed for the COUNTY. If a dog needs medical care, the COUNTY will retrieve the dog from The Barking Lot and be solely responsible for any and all treatment and expenses necessary for the dog.

10. The Barking Lot shall bill COUNTY monthly for its services rendered pursuant to this agreement. Said invoices shall be paid within thirty days to The Barking Lot.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement this_ day of April, 2025.

The Barking Lot

By: 
Owner

Marion County, Illinois

By: 
Marion County Board Chairman

Stacey - On Call Phone

618 761-8016

618 533-9255 main line

Main Door.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Steven Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Cody Rose.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour reiterated that there was a vacancy on the Board in District 3 due to the resignation of Tyson McHenry. Chairman Mr. Whritenour followed the proper procedure and nominated Josh Dunahee for the position. Steve Whritenour made the Motion for Josh Dunahee (who resides in District 3) to fill Tyson McHenry's position and was seconded by Adam Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, a brief conversation regarding the length of his term took place. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. He will be sworn in at a later date.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour continued by conveying that Tyson McHenry was also the Marion County Board Vice Chairman; therefore, Steve Whritenour made a Motion to appoint Tracy Murray to fill the position of Vice Chairman and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner called Point of Order regarding Mr. Whritenour calling for any other nominations. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that Tyson McHenry was the Law Enforcement Committee Chairman. He announced that Marion County Board Member Sharon Woodward would be appointed to that Committee's Chairwoman.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth communicated that Chelsea Simmons, the Victim Advocate for Marion County, was recently presented the Amy Center Going Above & Beyond Award. She has been with Attorney Hudspeth's office since May, 2021. He provided a description of her

position and commended her for her work. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour also expressed his and the Board's gratitude to her.

Next, Bob Shehorn from VFW Post 2055 and President of the Veterans Assistance Commission in Marion County distributed a handout (see attachment). He shared the priorities of the VAC; which includes hiring a Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent/Veterans Service Officer, to get that person trained, and lastly, is to join the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commission. He stated that the next opportunity for training is in October, 2025. Mr. Shehorn requested consideration, from the Board, of funding for this program to begin in 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated March 25, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth conveyed that the Illinois Department of Revenue 2025 figures were approximately \$1,000.00 lower than the 2024.

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth conveyed that a letter was received from Patoka Fire Protection District regarding the reappointment of Jeremy Landreth to the Patoka Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for an additional 3-year term commencing on May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2028. Debbie Smith made a Motion to reappoint Jeremy Landreth and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp requested to address the Veterans Assistance Commission. He provided the Board Members with a copy of the VFW Departments of Illinois Districts and VAC's by County (see attachment). A brief discussion transpired. This topic will be further discussed at the Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

Next, Mr. Krupp relayed that a Finance Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. During the meeting, the members discussed the County Procurement Process Ordinance. He conveyed that the Committee's decision was to follow the State guidelines. Currently anything over \$30,000.00 up to \$2 million has to be put out for bid. Board Member and Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner questioned if this applies to a single project or projects accumulated over the year for the County. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth responded that his interpretation would be per project. A guest from the audience also voiced his interpretation. Attorney Hudspeth will proceed to draft an Ordinance to present to the Finance Committee at their meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Mr. Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$900.00. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-24, 2025-25, and 2025-29 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Regarding the FY 2023 Audit update, Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that WIPFLI had previously issued a list to each department requesting the requirements to complete the audit. He is unsure of the response status. Committee Chairman Mr. Krupp will follow through with obtaining a completion date for the FY 2023 Audit.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp addressed the matter of funding for FY26 University of Illinois Extension. He conveyed that after speaking with Bellwether and the issues with Budget constraints, this expense was eliminated from the FY 2025 Budget. Board Member and Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner questioned if the FY 2025 Levy contained a portion for U of I Extension. A definite response was not made. A brief discussion regarding the letter requesting the funds occurred.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner began by conveying that he had received a Letter of Agreement from Bellwether after submitting the information for his portion of the Agenda. This item will be reviewed at the Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, and then presented to the Full Board for approval on May 27, 2025.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that Tom Simpson from Dimond Brothers Insurance, will be conducting a presentation with respect to his company's coverage for the County on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deb Reed began by addressing the Pre-Trial Services Office Lease Agreement in the Marion County Public Service Building. She explained that as of July 1, 2025 the Office of Statewide Pre-Trial Services (OSPS) will be established as an independent Illinois state judicial branch agency. Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) has requested to transfer the lease contract to OSPS. The current agreement is in effect until February 29, 2028. A brief discussion with respect to renegotiating the lease occurred. It was revealed that it is not mandatory that the County provide space for them, but that the previous lease agreement will stay in effect. Further deliberations will happen.

Next, Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed relayed that the sidewalk on the Northeast side of the Courthouse has been replaced and is very pleased with its appearance. She explained that the invoice for the services will have to be paid by the County and then will be presented to the City of Salem for reimbursement through the city's downtown TIF district. A brief discussion occurred between Mrs. Reed and Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner with respect to how this process should be handled for budgetary purposes and will be further addressed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Following, Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that the window projects at the Courthouse and the Public Service Building have been completed. The doors have also been installed at the Courthouse. He conveyed that he has received multiple compliments regarding their appearance. The only negative issue is with the sun that has previously been addressed. He continued by relaying that the signage display and the bicycle rack at the Courthouse have been put in place, and the “dirt work” on the Courthouse lawn will be held to a minimum this year.

Prior to the next topic of discussion under Old Business, Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker informed the Board that the ADA renovation in the large Courtroom is to begin the following Monday.

The update on the window blinds was presented by Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller. He communicated that they were ordered on April 15, 2025. Marion County Probation Director Renee Pride had opted to not receive blinds for 7 upper windows in her building; therefore, the invoice had been altered to reflect the difference. The 50% deposit has been paid and shipping is anticipated to be in 2 weeks followed by the installation. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed commended Mr. Miller for all of his work on this project.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell shared that the expense line item for the Debt Services Bond for the window project will need to be further discussed with Mrs. Reed and Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Newly appointed Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his report. Sheriff Cripps stated that currently there are 67 inmates with 37 being Federal prisoners. He reiterated that that his Department responded to over 1,200 calls (average of 38/day). Sheriff Cripps shared that a new School Resource Officer, Kevin Berry, had begun his work at the Selmaville and Raccoon Grade Schools. He has received very positive feedback since Officer Berry’s hiring.

Prior to the Marion County Coroner’s report, Sheriff Cripps shared gratitude to the First Responders, Utility Crews, Linemen, and everyone involved during the last storms in Marion County.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his March 2025 report. Mr. Howell announced that there were 33 deaths which included 32 natural causes and 1 accidental. He commended his “team” for reestablishing an excellent working relationship with the Sheriff’s Department, the City Police Departments in Marion County, and the ambulance services.

Following, Sheriff Kevin Cripps communicated that the renovation projects at the Sheriff’s Department Building, that were previously approved, had begun. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if a policy existed regarding the opening/bidding process involving Office Holders and the Marion County Board. A debate ensued. Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth recommended including the process in the County Procurement Process Ordinance. Former Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith was granted permission to address that Board with respect to the process followed previously. Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed inquired if Sheriff Cripps’ projects are to be paid through special funds. Sheriff Cripps confirmed that it will be paid from the Safety Tax Fund and had previously been approved by the Board. Further discussion transpired. Mr. Waggoner stated that he “just wants

Law Enforcement Committee Continued:

to follow the State's Statutes." Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward expressed that Sheriff Cripps was correct with respect to following the current guidelines, but further consideration regarding the process of opening bids for Office Holders and whether to include a policy in the Procurement Ordinance will be discussed in the future.

Prior to continuing with the 911/ESDA report, Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi mentioned that he reported the damaged fence and roof at the Highway Department facility to the appropriate Insurance agency. They were to assess the damages today. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that this could be addressed during the Road & Bridge Committee Report

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter was absent.

The New Business under the Sub-Committee 911/ESDA was addressed by Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith. He stated that it was determined that the Marion County ESDA Coordinator position is currently and has always been part time. This matter was discussed and agreed by the Full Board at the Special Full Board Meeting conducted on April 8, 2025.

Next, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that the encoders of the Federal Signal Commander One have been installed at each emergency center in the County. This will allow the 911/ESDA centers in Marion County to monitor and control the sirens from any device and from any location.

After a brief discussion regarding Resolution 2025-15: Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program, Brock Waggoner made a Motion to table Resolution 2025-15 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Dr. Mike Douglas). Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray conveyed that transition is occurring between the Doggie Den and the Barking Lot in Centralia for housing of dogs for the Marion County Animal Control. He emphasized that this is a temporary solution while permanent options are being considered.

Next, Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He began by stating that there were 45 calls during the month with no dog bite cases, but he did have 2 cat bites. The calls also included a chicken and a dog being shot that the Sheriff's Department is currently handling. He continued by conveying that 25 dogs were returned to their homes and 6 dogs were adopted with 1 pending adoption. There are currently 9 dogs and 7 puppies being housed at the Barking Lot. Committee Member and Board Member David Iossi expressed his satisfaction with the utilization of the Barking Lot after visiting the facility. Mr. Ferguson had questions regarding the confinement of aggressive or sick or flea/tick infested animals that are picked up and rejected by Barking Lot. A brief discussion transpired with respect to this matter and included a conversation regarding the FY 2025 Budgeted monies for Animal Control. In addition, Mr. Ferguson was directed to prepare a list of items that is needed to help him fulfill his duties and bring it to the County & Community Committee for review.

Following, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour briefly addressed the Marion County Animal Control employees' employment status. County & Community Committee Member and Board Member Brock

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Waggoner voiced his perception of the subject which included the “temporary employee” that was hired during Mr. Ferguson’s medical procedure and aftercare. Mr. Ferguson stated that he has not been released to full duty. This matter will be further addressed at a later date.

Under New Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray communicated that he will be reaching out to the Office Holders for their employee information to be included in the Countywide Directory. He continued by addressing Ordinance 2025-04: Raffle Ordinance for Marion County, Illinois. A brief explanation of the Ordinance and its purpose was presented by State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour. Mr. Whritenour expressed his support of this Ordinance. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04 and Adam Smith made a second. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Mr. Waggoner had questions which were addressed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth provided information regarding Ordinance 2025-05: Solar and Wind Ordinance for Marion County, Illinois. After a brief discussion occurred. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to table Ordinance 2025-05 and send it back to the Committee and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to Voice Vote, Chairman Steve Whritenour suggested to contact Bellwether for their review. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that all of the documents have been located and will need to be scanned and sent to American Legal Publishing. Mr. Waggoner commended Board Secretary Lori Linder for her diligent work on this project.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Co-Chairman Adam Smith conveyed that the Marion County Highway Department report was given at the Special Full Board Meeting conducted on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Next, Mr. Smith addressed the Resolutions listed on the Agenda and presented a brief description of each.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-27: County 2025 MFT Bituminous Bid Approval and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-28: Township 2025 MFT (01-17) Bituminous Bid Approval and was seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the Capital Improvement Plan for Marion County Highway Department facility and equipment will be addressed at a future Committee Meeting with the Alex Kreke, the new Highway Engineer, after he begins his employment on May 1, 2025.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Prior to the conclusion of the Road & Bridge Committee's report, Mr. Smith conveyed that a fence at the Department's facility had been damaged during the last storm. He expressed that the damage was fairly minor and voiced his disappointment that the Department's employees have refused to repair it themselves. Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi reiterated that he had contacted the Insurance Agency regarding an estimate on the repairs and is awaiting a response. After a brief discussion, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that he would contact Chris Guy, the foreman for the Department regarding the repairs.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Member Debbie Smith made a suggestion to remove the Decennial Committee from the Agenda due to nothing coming before the Board and just filing the reports. Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour concurred with removing it from the Agenda.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there were no renewals of Liquor License.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that due to the resignation and expiring terms of Members of the 708 Mental Health Board that it is essential to appoint 3 new Board Members and reappoint the Marion County Board Representatives. Steve Whritenour made a Motion to appoint Rob Barton, Lori Demijan, and Nikki Krupp to the 708 Mental Health Board and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to the Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if there was a conflict due to Rob Barton being a County Employee. He was told that it did not exist. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – No nays – 1 Abstain (Chris Krupp). Next, Steve Whritenour made a Motion to reappoint Marion County Board Members Judith Meeks-Hakim and David Iossi to the 708 Mental Health Board and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. A brief discussion regarding the appointment of a Chairman to the Board transpired. The next Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that he attended a meeting on December 17, 2024 and an additional quarterly meeting. His report from the December meeting included the Health

Marion County Health Department – Continued:

Department's financial status, the availability of Narcan (Naloxone) for the public, the approval of the Veteran Assistance Commission Representative's office space in the Centralia facility, and concerns with the Animal Control Administrator's involvement with animal bite cases. The next meeting he attended was on March 18, 2025. The topics of discussion included foreign disease risks in Marion County, the WIPFLI audit that was passed, and concerns from Melissa Mallow with respect to grant funding from the State and Federal levels.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced that Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell had resigned from his position on the SCIRPD Board. His replacement will be determined at a later date. Dr. Mike Douglas stated that he attended the last meeting and shared information regarding the topics of discussion, and that he had spoken with Luke Eastin, SCIRPD Executive Director on the subject of grant writing. Dr. Douglas would like to form a plan for Marion County's Economical Development in order to obtain more grants for Marion County. Marion County Board SCIRPD Representative Debbie Smith concurred. In addition, she stated that possibilities for an Animal Control facility grant may exist.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next Marion County Housing Authority meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce in Centralia.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there will be a meeting in June, and that the meeting in March did not provide any significant information to pass along.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there have not been any recent Meetings, and is unsure when the next one will be conducted.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there will be a meeting conducted on Monday, April 28, 2025. He stated that he had received an email conveying that the State and Federal funding for their programs may be cut.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Adam Smith made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

4-22-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

St. Dunbar

Bill Smith

~~Leslie Stewart~~

Suffern Schrecker

Lee Ray Ryan Jr

Phillips Jr

Anthony M. Angelone III

~~Frank Jones~~
Frank Jones

Danny Dempsey

Randy Hampen

AM

Matt + Sue Huelskotten

SHERY WALSH

Mark W. B.

Kenne Durahoe

Jeff Dempsey

Paul Sullens

Veterans Assistance Commission of Marion County

April 22, 2025

Priorities

1. Hire VAC Superintendent/Veteran Service Officer.
 - a. Enabling Objectives
 - i. Determine approximate loaded labor rate so the VAC can accurately estimate labor cost for remainder of 2025.
 - ii. Support full county board approval of \$31,000 previously approved by the finance committee.
 - iii. Identify funding source for 2026 labor cost.
 1. Tax levy
 2. General Fund
2. VAC Superintendent completion of National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Basic Benefits Course.
 - a. Superintendent (VSO) must join NACVSO.
 - i. Dues are currently \$50.
 - b. Basic Benefits Course – Cost \$400
 - i. This course is designed for the new or inexperienced CVSO and for CVSOs seeking NACVSO accreditation. For CVSOs seeking NACVSO accreditation, this course is mandatory with a required test at the completion of the instruction. Basic Benefits is a virtual course offered three times per year. You need to be a County, State, Township, City, or Tribal Veterans Service Officer to take this course.
 - ii. Next offering: October 20-24, 2025.
3. Join Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commission
 - a. Dues \$200 per year.

- b. The Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions is organized and operated for the educational purposes of the Association's Veteran membership, which, in part, consists of Veteran Service Officers throughout the State of Illinois. This mission conforms to the terms established in the 501 (c)(3) section of the Internal Revenue code. To serve as the central counseling and coordinating office for all County Veterans Assistance Commission offices included as members of the Illinois Association of County Veterans Service Officers to be referred to as Association. To foster and perpetuate VAC's in all counties where viable commissions do not exist and provide such information and training as deemed necessary. To have general oversight of the rules, laws, and regulations pertinent to governing and administering the County VAC's within the State of Illinois for the benefit of Military Veterans and their dependents. To establish communication and recognition with all local, state, and federal service officers for processing Veterans and their dependents' claims as may be referred to the Commission office. To promote the welfare of all Military Veterans and their dependents.
- c. Complete Annual Training which meets the continuing education requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs to maintain Veterans Service Officer Accreditation.

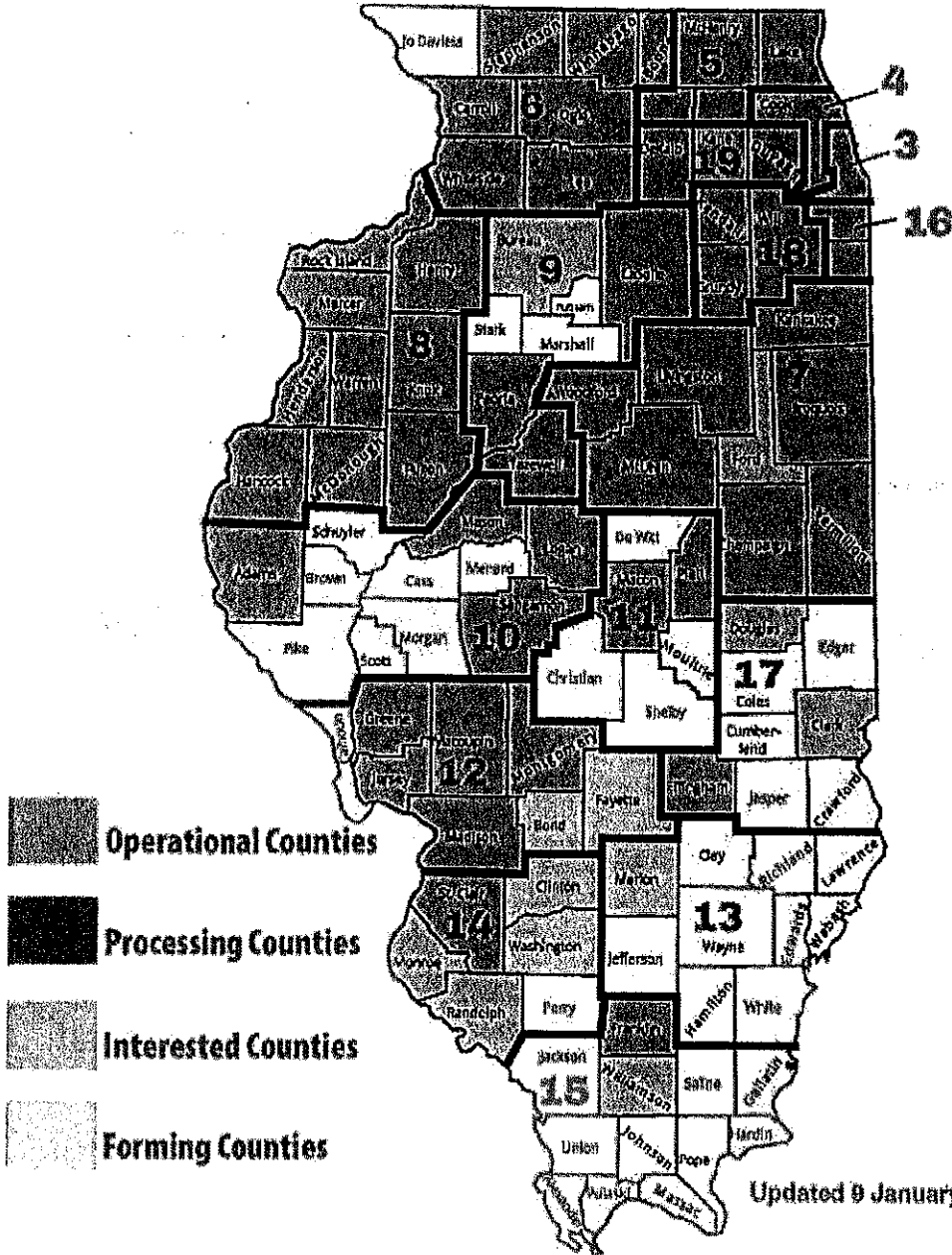


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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Brock Waggoner.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Chris Krupp.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tammy Guidish was unable to attend the meeting.

Brittany Gowler, Birth to Five, Family & Community Engagement Specialist for Region 13, presented information with respect to their services for citizens of Marion County. A couple of flyers with more information were distributed.

Next, Ms. Gowler stated that she is the new owner of the Apple Tree Child Care Center in Salem. She voiced her displeasure of how the facility was notified and the procedure regarding the closure and repairs to Jefferson Street. In addition, she had complaints with respect to the construction workers' conduct towards her staff during the process. She had spoken to the City of Salem and just wanted the County Board to be aware of the issues.

Following, guest Whitney Purcell addressed the Board by conveying that she and other members of the Community have developed an organization to help Marion County Animal Control with some of their issues. Hometown Paws will be assisting with the spay/neuter program, adoptions, and fostering of stray animals. Additional information can be found on the Facebook page. Ms. Purcell recommended using key words #lostdogMarionCountyIL and #founddogMarionCountyIL when posting lost/found dogs on Facebook. Marion County Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson verified that this has helped him when returning dogs to their owners.

Bob Shehorn from VFW Post 2055 and President of the Veterans Assistance Commission in Marion County inquired the status of the County's position regarding funding for their program. He reiterated

that the next opportunity for training is in October, 2025 and would like to have someone be able to attend. This subject will be addressed at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated April 22, 2025 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented the Illinois Department of Revenue 2025 figures.

	2025	2024
¾%	\$87,472.08	\$78,175.84
1%	\$50,991.70	\$33,760.87

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp was absent; therefore, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour asked Committee Member Debbie Smith to present the Committee’s Report.

Mrs. Smith then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. She stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$900.00. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-30, 2025-31, and 2025-32 was made by Debbie Smith and seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Prior to moving forward, Board Member Sharon Woodward questioned Mr. Waggoner to why he always votes against the Permanent Parcel Resolutions. She conveyed that this is monies coming back to the County. He stated that according to a Supreme Court Rule “that this is an illegal process under the Constitution.”

Regarding the components under Old Business, Mr. Whritenour relayed that Committee Chairman Chris Krupp had reported at the Committee Meeting on May 12, 2025 that WIPFLI is moving forward with the FY 2023 Audit. He suggested that the County Procurement Process Ordinance be tabled so that Mr. Krupp could address that item. Prior to a Motion to table these matters, Marion County Board Secretary

Finance Committee – Continued:

Lori Linder verified that the auditors are progressing with the FY 2023 Audit and that a copy of the County Procurement Process Ordinance was distributed prior to tonight's meeting for Members to review. Steve Whritenour made a Motion to Table the Audit FY 2023 Update and the County Procurement Process Ordinance and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner began by tabling items b and c under New Business. He proceeded and addressed Ordinance 2025-06: Budget Appropriation for Illinois Extension. He expressed that he has been in contact with Bellwether regarding this matter. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour reiterated that this money is not being taken from the Contingency Fund and was collected from the Levy. David Iossi made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-06 and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Waggoner introduced Justin Greeley and Dustin Harmon, representatives from Bellwether, LLC that were attending the Meeting via telephone. A brief discussion regarding the Letter of Engagement and expectations for the FY 2026 Budget occurred. Questions from newly appointed Board Member Josh Dunahee were responded to. Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner asked for a Motion to accept the Bellwether Letter of Agreement for a fee of \$12,000.00 to assist the Marion County Board during the FY 2026 Budget cycle. Sharon Woodward made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Waggoner provided an explanation regarding the request to Office Holders for a hiring freeze going into the FY 2026 Budget cycle. He conveyed that he is aware that exceptions may exist.

In addition, he stated that the State House has passed changes with the Veteran's Assistance Commission and how it works, and any County Board decisions will be made after all of the information is complete.

Lastly, Mr. Waggoner conveyed that a request will be made to Office Holders to add job responsibilities to their employee list for the Marion County Directory. He expressed that this information may be used in making decisions during the FY 2026 Budget process.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that Tom Simpson from Dimond Brothers Insurance, conducted a presentation with respect to his company's coverage for the County on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deb Reed began by addressing the termination letter received from the Office of Statewide Pre-Trial Services. The letter stated they are wanting to terminate their Lease Agreement effective June 30, 2025; however, she revealed that they are wanting to extend that date to July 31, 2025. Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth will be drafting an extension document to clarify this information and it will be presented at the Full Board Meeting scheduled on June 24, 2025. The Marion County Coroner's office will occupy this vacant office space in the Public Service Building.

The next item discussed was the acceptance of the warranty for the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building windows. A copy of the project warranty was included in this meeting's packet. A brief discussion transpired. Certificates will be drawn up to indicate that the start date of the warranty is May 27, 2025 (today). Deb Reed made a Motion to accept the Kawneer warranty and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed relayed that there are concerns, from the public, regarding the inability to park around the Courthouse due to employees utilizing these spaces. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour relayed that he is having discussions with the City of Salem to help resolve this issue. An additional brief discussion transpired, including comments from State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth and Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller regarding their employees parking arrangements.

Following Mr. Miller presented an update with respect to the window blinds in the Courthouse and the Public Service Building. He stated that the installation is anticipated to be completed within the next week. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed again commended Mr. Miller for his work on this project.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps stated that his report was previously sent to Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder to distribute to the Board members. Sheriff Cripps shared that his Department has been very busy and that members of the Community could use some prayers. He presented an update in reference to the utilization of the School Resource Officers during the school year. He relayed that he has received very positive feedback. The first reimbursement for their salaries and services is expected to be received within the next 15 -20 days.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell was absent; therefore, there was no presented.

Following, Chairwoman Mrs. Woodward allowed Marion State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth to provide information regarding a trailer sold by the previous Coroner of Marion County. Details of this matter were addressed including the payment for this item. Board Member Brock Waggoner voiced his concerns. Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the sale of the trailer to Nathan Storm and accept \$2,400 and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Attorney Hudspeth will follow through with this matter.

Prior to Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter presenting her report, she stated that she had received 2 invoices that were to go to the Board for payment; GTSI and Technical Advisory. They will be submitted to accounts receivable. Mrs. Barter conveyed that ESDA had helped with the Marion County

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

elections, PKC Spring Super Stakes, the Odin Fireman's Picnic, and with the storms. In conclusion, she requested a meeting with the Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance Committees to discuss her position. The meeting arrangements will be made and emailed.

During a discussion regarding Resolution 2025-15: Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program, Brock Waggoner voiced his concerns of it not being a County Resolution. It was determined that this Resolution is only for ESDA, and each entity is able to apply for their own Resolution. Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. A copy was provided to Mrs. Barter.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by allowing Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator to present his report.

Mr. Ferguson, conveyed that there were 5 dogs housed at the Barking Lot; one being pregnant. During the last 2 weeks, he had a situation with 2 aggressive dogs, but had found the owners. The dilemma remains regarding where to take them if the owners are not located. He continued by conveying that no dogs were taken to the rescue or had been adopted. There were six 911 calls on the interstate and six missing dog calls with 4 returned to their owner. Mr. Ferguson relayed that he still is unable to receive the balance of the Spay/Neuter Program Fund to present to the Board. A brief discussion regarding bringing in revenue for the County through Animal Control transpired. The fees included in Ordinance 2021-01 were also discussed. Mr. Ferguson was given permission to begin issuing citations when the dogs are picked up by their owners.

Chairman Mr. Murray relayed that County Board Secretary Lori Linder was informed that the first application for John Deere Financial was never received and a second application was submitted.

Following, Mr. Murray reiterated that the utilization of the Barking Lot is continuing. In addition, the new program, Hometown Paws by Hometown Collision is helping with homing/rehoming of stray animals and also with the spay/neuter program in Marion County. He commended them for their work. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that they have been assigned as editors to the Marion County Facebook page and will have the ability to add animal information.

In conclusion of the Animal Control portion of the Committee's report, Chairman Tracy Murray emphasized the importance of spaying/neutering and microchipping people's pets.

The next item addressed was Resolution 2025-35: Support of Marion County Agriculture. Steve Brummel, Marion County Farm Bureau President distributed a pamphlet with reference to the Illinois Farm Bureau – pro-Agriculture Resolution. A few of the Bureau's details were explained. The Resolution is brought to the Board for approval every 2 years. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-35 and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Vote: All ayes – no nays. Motion passed. A token of appreciation was presented to County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour from the Illinois Farm Bureau.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Under Old Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray communicated that he and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour spoke with one another and would like to table Ordinance 2025-05: Solar and Wind Ordinance for Marion County, Illinois. After a very brief discussion, Mr. Whritenour stated that this will be addressed at the Special Full Board Meeting to be scheduled in June, 2025. He commended State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth for his diligent work on this Ordinance. Board Member Dr. Mike Douglas questioned Mr. Steve Brummel if the Farm Bureau has an agricultural opinion regarding the solar and wind projects. Mr. Brummel responded that the Bureau is not for or against the projects, but that it is an individual land owner's decision of what to do with his/her property. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated that the solar companies and their projects would bring in a significant amount of revenue in for the County. He voiced his concerns with respect the County missing out on monies from the very large solar farm West of Salem and the one that is anticipated to begin very soon in Vernon. Lastly, he recommended completing this Ordinance as soon as possible. Mr. Whritenour emphasized that it will be presented for approval very soon at a Special Full Board Meeting and will contain all of the appropriate information. An email which Board Brock Waggoner had received regarding the Legislative Update of Solar from UCCI will be sent to all Board Members. Steve Whritenour made a Motion to table Ordinance 2025-05 to the Special Full Board Meeting (date and time to be determined) and was seconded by Cody Rose. Prior to Voice Vote, Ken Ferguson questioned who was responsible for the cleanup after the solar and wind farms' contract. The Board has been informed that the companies have stated that it will be their responsibility. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Following, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray communicated that the information for the Countywide Directory has been received from the Office Holders with the exception of Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that the documents have been collected for the previous years with the exception of the 2019 Resolutions.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Tim McCance began by allowing Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report. Mr. Kreke reported that the County mowing has begun along with filling potholes and cleaning ditches. The excessive rainfall has caused issues with this process. In addition, he stated that the oiling and chipping of County roads will begin soon. Afterwards, he gave a brief introduction of himself. He then conveyed that the Department will be working 4-10 hour days (Monday – Thursday) beginning today through Labor Day.

Next, Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour voiced his concerns regarding issues on Green Street Road that were discussed at the Committee Meeting on May 13, 2025. Mr. Kreke stated that the Department is

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

waiting on final inspection from IDOT and the drainage, clean up, and guard rail issues will then be addressed.

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi reiterated that he had contacted the Insurance Agency regarding an estimate on the repairs of a damaged fence at the Department's facility and is awaiting a response.

Following, Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Mr. Smith addressed the Resolution listed on the Agenda and presented a brief description.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-33: Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

The side letter to his employment has been completed regarding his vacation and sick days previously approved.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the Capital Improvement Plan for Marion County Highway Department facility and equipment is ongoing. Engineer Mr. Kreke will be presenting a list to the Committee at their next meeting scheduled for June 10, 2025.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Combined meeting with the Finance Committee will be scheduled in June, 2025.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there were no renewals of Liquor License.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Barter gave him the invoices for the sirens' CommanderOne program. Braniff Communications is anticipated to be here June 9-13 for the training.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that he was notified of the passing of Ms. Nellie Linder, who was the Director of the Marion County Health Department from 1973-1995 (22 years). He wanted for her to be recognized for her work for the Department.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that she was not able to attend the last meeting.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025 at the Chamber of Commerce in Centralia. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour has replaced himself with Chris Krupp for the additional County Board Representative.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there will be a special ZOOM meeting regarding the Budget scheduled for tomorrow with a regularly scheduled meeting the following week. Deb Reed's appointment will expire in September, 2025. CEO Debbie Smith stated that an additional meeting will take place directly after Mrs. Reed's meeting for Budget approval.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there have not been any recent Meetings, and is unsure if the Committee still exists.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that the next meeting will be conducted in June, 2025.


Nothing further to come before the Board, Adam Smith made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:40 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 6/24/25



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



5-27-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

MARK MILLER
Ken Ferguson
John Hunsy
Robert Shelton
Wally Pencil
Wayne Thompson
Heather Kusschack
Tom Wilkins
dg Wilkins
Anthony Wilkins
Mason Wilkins
Jonathan Wilkins
Rick Wilkins
Lore Eisenhauer
Arusa Eisenhauer
Jordee Kochler
Dannie Markardt
Chris Leeky
Julie Robertson, Brooks

Steven Brunnel
Kara Busser
E. Hungen
B. Dolever
Jessie Ann
Max Knicker
Jennale Runakhe
Shari Baister
Marion
Co.
ESDA

Madus Holland
Tabitha Frawley

Connie Williams
Rhonda Mueller
St. Dea

Bill Smith

Jeremy Jett
Kate Sadrove

Tom Lued

Colin Jace

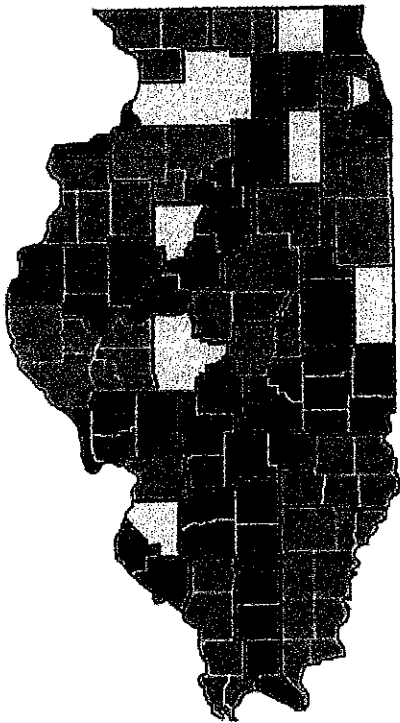
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Share your experience and knowledge to support positive change and ensure children and families in your community have access to the Early Childhood services they need.



Join a community-driven Action Council or Family Council in one of our 39 Regions to:

- Share your experiences and ideas
- Hear from the community
- Guide next steps as your Region takes action
- Advocate for our youngest learners

Who can join?

- Family Councils: Parents and caregivers of children aged eight and under
- Action Councils: Community members and leaders with and without experience in Early Childhood

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Heather Pruett

Region 13 Clinton, Jefferson, Marion & Washington Counties

RECOMMENDATIONS



EXPAND BIRTH TO THREE SERVICES

Expand Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services for children birth to age three in the entire Region, as there are currently only 100 slots for birth to three services across all four counties.

We increased public awareness through flyers, videos, and family events in all four counties. Enrollment grew from 80 to over 137 families, meeting our initial goal and shifting focus toward full 250-slot enrollment by June 2025.



STRENGTHEN THE WORKFORCE

Locally, efforts are needed to increase quality by promoting and sharing information about the State's current workforce initiatives, furthering the education of current staff, and expanding the workforce in the early stages of career development.

State workforce initiatives and training opportunities were widely promoted, and partnerships with the CCR&Rs are helping raise awareness. Efforts are now focused on improving access to early career pathways.



SUPPORT COORDINATED INTAKE

The Regional Office of Education #13 Early Childhood Collaboration should continue its work to become a Coordinated Intake and family navigation system.

The IRIS system launched in early 2024 with four partners and 10 completed referrals. Ongoing efforts include co-hosting community meetings, raising public awareness, and building long-term support for the system.



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SPECIAL MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

5:00 P.M.

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 302

Meeting convened at 5:00 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Brock Waggoner.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by addressing Ordinance 2025-05: Solar and Wind Ordinance for Marion County, Illinois. Mr. Whritenour stated that Marion County does not have any zoning requirements in the Non-Incorporated Areas. Additionally, he relayed that he and Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth have had several conversations regarding the Ordinance prior to submitting it to the Full Board for approval. Mr. Whritenour provided a brief explanation of his ideas regarding the Ordinance and its association to the benefits for the County. The objective to capture revenue via a \$5,000.00 permit fee and omit the building section from the Ordinance was communicated. In addition, the section regarding the height of the wind turbine and how it would be regulated by the FAA was discussed. Chairman Mr. Whritenour commended Attorney Hudspeth for his diligent work on developing Ordinance 2025-05 for Marion County.

An extensive discussion continued. During this time, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller conveyed information regarding the assessments and property taxes of the land used for the Solar or Wind Farms. Continuing, questions and concerns were voiced by Full Board Members with respect to the farm projects, and responses were made. Pete Yannakakis, Solar Generation and Tim Vought, Cordello Power (wind farm) were also allowed to respond to some of the questions and provide pertinent information regarding their services.

After hearing the previous data, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour recommended an Application Fee of \$5,000.00 per megawatt. There would not be a permit and/or building fee. A brief discussion transpired. Following, Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-05: Solar and Wind Ordinance for Marion County, Illinois with an Application fee of \$5,000.00 per megawatt with a \$250,000.00 cap and follow FAA regulations regarding the height of the wind tower and was seconded

by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes – 8 nays (Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Tim McCance, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi). Motion failed.

An additional in depth discussion occurred with respect to the Ordinance including the maximum amount of the Application Fee and the revenue for the County. Board Members Tim McCance and Dr. Mike Douglas voiced their opinions concerning the Board becoming involved with these projects. Afterward, Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-05: Solar and Wind Ordinance for Marion County, Illinois with an Application fee of \$5,000.00 per megawatt with a \$100,000.00 cap, striking the Building Fee, and follow FAA regulations regarding the height of the wind tower and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, a resident from Marion County was allowed to address the Board with her concerns of the Board approving the Ordinance without doing any further research. Board Member Adam Smith concurred. Continuing, Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 4 nays (Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Tim McCance, and Adam Smith). Motion passed. Pete Yannakakis, Solar Generation and Tim Vought, Cordello Power were commended for their input with reference to the Ordinance.

Next, Chairman Steve Whritenour proceeded to the topic of the Use of Contingency Funds for Animal Control Salaries. Budget Committee Chairman and Board Member Brock Waggoner shared the importance of transferring the funds. Debbie Smith made the Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07: Budget Appropriation for Animal Control and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Prior to the Motion to Go into Closed Session, a 5-minute break took place.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to go into Closed Session for purposes of discussion of real estate and personnel and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 6:43 P.M.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 7:42 P.M.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

No action was taken regarding the items discussed in Closed Session.

Board Chairman Steve Whritenour continued with the open portion of the Special Full Board Meeting.

Mr. Whritenour stated that the topic regarding the Marion County Administrator was brought to the attention of the Board from the Elected Officials in the past. He conveyed that since he was voted as the Chairman of the Board in December, 2024, he has reconsidered hiring a person for this position. He relayed the benefits of this person and how they would be able to help with the disconnection between the Board and the County Officials. His desire is to further discuss this matter for the FY 2026 Budget. A few Board Members voiced their opinions. Debbie Smith expressed her reluctance, Josh Dunahee communicated his positive thoughts, and Deb Reed suggested that a job description be drawn up for this person. In addition, Brock Waggoner announced that he felt that "the Board has not done things appropriately over the years" while dealing with major issues regarding purchases and/or repairs, and that he feels that this person may help eliminate issues from occurring in the future. Adam Smith revealed important information with respect to one significant subject that Mr. Waggoner brought to attention. Mr. Smith conveyed that the Board was not entirely at fault for the circumstances surrounding the purchase and replacement of the air conditioning unit for the Marion County Courthouse. In addition, the title of this person that may be hired was debated. A brief discussion continued. This matter will be turned over to the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee for further consideration.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Christopher Krupp made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

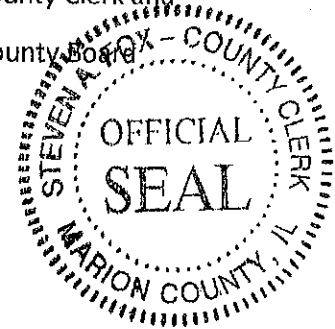
Time: 8:40 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 7/22/25

Steve Fox

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



6-16-25

Special Full Board Meeting

Guests

Tim Vought

Sarah Gutman

Keena Cripps

Ken Ferguson

Dana Ferguson

Mark Miller

MARK MILLER

Steve Buel

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Josh Dunahee, Timothy McCance, Steven Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Brock Waggoner, Michael Douglas, Cody Rose, and Debbie Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Barter, Marion Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson, and Bruce Kropp, WJBD.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour introduced Ryan Welch, Complete Technology Solutions (CTS) Sales Manager. Mr. Whritenour briefly explained that their phone service coverage includes all of the Countywide buildings. The contract with this company is up for renewal in October, 2026. Mr. Welch presented detailed information regarding the current contract and stated that a software upgrade will be taking place in the fall of 2025. He shared that an early renewal agreement will need to be signed prior to this for CTS services to continue. Questions from Board Members were addressed. Mr. Whritenour requested more written information regarding their services for the County. Ryan Welch was commended for his presentation.

Jared Rowcliffe, Region 9 ESDA Staff Development Specialist and Liaison was unable to attend this evening's meeting. They will be attending the Full Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour presented the Illinois Department of Revenue 2025 figures.

	2025	2024
¾%	\$102,661.57	\$90,975.31
1%	\$49,925.85	\$34,490.92

Appointments:

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that a letter was received from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller regarding the reappointment of Gerald Hunter to the Marion County Farmland Assessment Committee for an additional 2-year term. His current term expires on May 31, 2025. Jack Riley made a Motion to reappoint Gerald Hunter and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that a letter was received from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller regarding the reappointment of David Uchitjil to the Marion County Farmland Assessment Committee for an additional 2-year term. His current term expires on May 31, 2025. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to reappoint David Uchitjil and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. She stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$1,200.00. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-37 thru 2025-40 was made by Chris Krupp and seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Josh Dunahee). Motion passed.

Next, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed Resolution 2025-42 and explained that the adjusted amounts are mandated by the State. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-42: Resolution Adopting Cost of Living Adjustment for Marion County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Regarding the items under Old Business, Committee Chairman Chris Krupp reported that the County has again been placed on the Stop Pay List due to the incompleteness of the FY 2023 Audit. He stated that WIPFLI is anticipating that it should be completed by the end of July, 2025 and will then proceed with the FY 2024 Audit.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Lastly, Mr. Krupp relayed that he had spoken with Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth regarding the change in the amount referenced in the County Procurement Process Ordinance. After this discussion, it was determined to leave the amount at \$30,000.00. This will be included on the July 22, 2025 Full Board Meeting Agenda for approval.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, no report was given.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that the damaged fence at the Marion County Highway Department will be repaired by the Department's staff. It will not be filed as an insurance claim.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by addressing the Marion County Employee Parking Lot. The Full Board Meeting Packet included the Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. correspondence and invoice and was discussed. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman and Board Member Adam Smith provided information that had been previously discussed. Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke voiced his concerns. A discussion transpired regarding placing rock on the area. Mr. Whritenour asked Mr. Kreke to get the measurements of the lot and an estimate of the cost of rock and present this data to the Board. Chris Krupp conveyed information with respect to applying for a Grant for this project.

Following, Deb Reed made a motion to pay the Environmental Audits & Consultants, LLC invoice (\$11,550.02) out of the General Fund Contingency and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, the items under Old Business were addressed. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present information regarding the stripping and resurfacing of the Courthouse floors. He conveyed that he had observed the floors at the Clay County Courthouse and was very impressed with their appearance. He had directed Dave Daniels, Maintenance Personnel for the Marion County Courthouse to contact Art Borries, who is in charge of the maintenance of the flooring in Clay County. Sheriff Cripps had previously presented the initial cost of \$9,990.00 and a yearly maintenance fee of approximately \$6,000.00 to the Building & Historical Committee. He stated that monies are available to cover the cost and in his opinion it is a project that needs to be taken care of. In addition, he conveyed that he understands that the amount is under the amount for the Board's approval, but has requested their input. A brief discussion occurred. Board members Josh Dunahee and Tim McCance voiced their concerns with utilizing funds in this year's Budget. Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed proposed to discuss it further in a Committee Meeting in July, 2025 with the project list.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

The next subject explained was the reimbursement for the sidewalk replacement. Mrs. Reed conveyed that the County has shown proof to the City of Salem of its payment to Shores Builders. After review with the City's accounts receivable department, it is anticipated that a check to Marion County will be received in the near future.

Lastly, the topic of the Generator and UPS Project was reviewed. Mrs. Reed stated that the UPS unit has been delivered and is in the computer room. She conveyed that Tom Paulsen from TOP Electric is very pleased with the room and its temperature. He is continuing with running the dedicated lines, but had relayed to Mrs. Reed that "two of Office Holders are wanting to change the scope of what he had quoted on." Mr. Paulsen will present the proposed amount of the addition to Deb Reed in the near future. A positive aspect was communicated. Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has made a payment to TOP Electric for the amount of \$540.13 with her monies remaining from her grant for other items included for her. The balance of \$87,800.00 will be taken from the County's loan. The generator is anticipated to be delivered at the end of summer, and the loan for this project will close at the end of September, 2025.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps stated that his Department has handled 1,674 calls from May 24, 2025 to June 24, 2025 (average 56 calls per day). They have conducted 47 Prisoner transports and 112 inmates were booked into the Marion County Jail. During this time 5,324 meals were prepared and served at an average cost of \$2.63 each. As of today, the Jail is housing a total of 72 inmates of which 37 are Federals and 2 Juveniles are in custody (1 housed in St. Clair County and 1 in Galesburg). He stated that he anticipates that by the end of the year revenue generated for Federal Inmate Housing will exceed the Budgeted amount for FY 2025. He discussed the issues that are occurring with Juvenile's that need to be detained.

Board Chairman Steve Whritenour asked Sheriff Cripps to explain the Sheriff Department's role when dealing with ICE when they are in the area. Sheriff Cripps emphasized that they are not allowed to provide assistance to detain an individual due to the regulations set by the State of Illinois. Mr. Whritenour proceeded to communicate clarity of the events that occurred when ICE was in Centralia during the last week. He accentuated that they were looking for one specific individual with an extensive criminal history. He stated that no factories or restaurants were closed during this time. Lastly, Sheriff Cripps highlighted that Local and County Law Enforcement agencies can only assist if the individual has a criminal warrant and not a detainer.

After questioning from Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward regarding the remodeling at the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Cripps reported that it is nearly completed. They are waiting on a couple of cabinets and a counter top to be delivered and then installed. He invited everyone to visit his facility.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell was absent; therefore, he provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting packet (see attachment).

Law Enforcement Committee -- Continued:

Following, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter distributed a handout for the Board to review with regards to her position as being full-time. She is continuing to dispute that she is a part-time employee of the County. She then shared that her System for Award Management (SAM) number has expired. She had contacted Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell for assistance to renew the number, but he was not able to help. She relayed that in her opinion, as Treasurer, he was in charge of this item. She remains unsure how to proceed with this matter. Next, she conveyed that 4 of the ESDA vehicles are having issues and expressed her concerns with the expense of the repairs. After questioning from Board Member Adam Smith, she was directed to contact South Central Transit (SCT) for any future repairs. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour concurred. She reiterated that Jared Rowcliffe, Staff Development Specialist and his liaison, Director for Region 9 will be attending the Full Board Meeting on July 22, 2025.

Prior to continuing with the County & Community Committee's report, Chairman Mr. Whritenour stated that he had sent Mrs. Barter a text which provided a list of companies that will help her renew her SAM number. He also contacted Mr. Purcell via text regarding this matter.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by asking Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator if he had anything to discuss with the Board. He announced that he did not.

Mr. Murray continued by conveying that Animal Control is still utilizing The Barking Lot. There are presently 5-6 dogs that are being housed there.

Under Old Business, there was nothing new to discuss with respect to the Countywide Directory.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, nothing new was reported.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

Prior to the Road & Bridge Committee's report, Mr. Ferguson inquired if any information had been received regarding the John Deere Financial application. County Board Secretary Lori Linder stated she has not received any correspondence since the second application was submitted.

Following, Mr. Murray reiterated that options for permanent housing for Marion County Animal Control are still being investigated. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour is to meet with the City Manager of Salem in the near future to discuss this issue. In addition, he mentioned that there are 7 proposed possibilities that are being considered.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith began by allowing Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report. Mr. Kreke had previously provided a written report and this was included in the Full Board Meeting packet (see attachment). He reported that the County has done several culverts replacements and installations and road grater patches. He has implemented precautions with his staff and the heat. The oiling of roads will begin soon and the public will be notified of the locations prior to this occurring.

Next, Mr. Kreke addressed the Resolutions listed on the Agenda and presented a brief description of each. Questions from Board Members Josh Dunahee and Co-Committee Chairman Tim McCance were responded to during a brief discussion.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-34: Removal of Marion County Highway Department Equipment and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-41: Purchase of 2 Freightliner M2 Cummins with Snow Plows and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the Capital Improvement Plan for Marion County Highway Department facility and equipment is ongoing. Engineer Mr. Kreke is awaiting an estimate for the roof replacement at the Department's facility and will present it in the future. Board Member Debbie Smith suggested a rubber roof and a discussion transpired.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there is nothing new to report.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE -- STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there were no renewals of Liquor License.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that the CommanderOne systems were installed by Braniff Communications approximately 1 ½ weeks ago. They have been tested and are working appropriately.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas was absent; therefore, no report was given.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued:

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that she attended their meeting earlier in the evening. She stated that she will have handouts at the next Full Board Meeting.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce in Centralia.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representatives Deb Reed and WIB CEO Debbie Smith were unable to attend the last meeting. The next meeting will take place in September, 2025. Mrs. Reed will be providing Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour information regarding a replacement for her seat on the WIB Board.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there have not been any recent Meetings, and is unsure when the next meeting is to be conducted.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting. A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:11 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: _____



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board

Monthly Audit

May 2025

Total number of deaths	<u>38</u>
Coroner Cases	<u>36</u>
Medical Cases	<u>2</u>
Autopsies	<u>2</u>
Cremations	<u>20</u>
Donations	<u>0</u>

Natural Deaths	<u>34</u>
Cancer	<u>6</u>
Other	<u>28</u>

Accidental Deaths	<u>1</u>
Traffic	<u>0</u> (DUI Related) <u>0</u>
Occupational	<u>0</u>
Drugs	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>1-fell</u>

Suicides	<u>1</u>
Hanging	<u>0</u>
Firearm	<u>1</u>
Drugs	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>

Homicides	<u>0</u>
Firearm	<u>0</u>
Drug Induced	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>

Undetermined	<u>0</u>
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Pending	<u>2Haas, McElroy</u>	<u>38</u>
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Items of Discussion:

Road & Bridge Meeting 6/9/2025



House Keeping Items

- Internet Provider
 - Currently Spectrum
 - 89mgbs
 - Cost \$160.00
 - Issues with WIFI
- Proposed switch to Wabash
 - Estimate of 200mgbs
 - Cost \$127.00
 - Local in town
 - Money in our line item to cover the rest of the year

Equipment List

- Resolution #2025-34 Equipment monies received would be returned into Equipment Purchase Line Item
 - Soil Stabilizer Raygo Gator, #08-A-0187
 - Soil Stabilizer Raygo Gator, #08-A-0278
 - Snow Plow V Grader Mounter Balderson, BV11, 7861 #6638
 - Snow Plow V Grader Mounter Balderson, BV11, 7831, #6639
 - Pneumatic Roller Cat PS 130, 7ND00124, 77HP
 - Grader, Motor 28,000 Cat #140G, 1991

Building

- Insurance claim for flood damaged fence
- Exploring options for repairs
 - Looking for estimates
- Future Building
 - To be discussed in the future

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner (via telephone), Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour introduced Jared Rowcliffe, Region 9 ESDA Staff Development Specialist. He was in attendance with Adam Croy, Region 9 ESDA Regional Coordinator, Chris Dodd, IEMA Chief of Operations, and Victor Zepeda, ESDA Legislative Liaison. Mr. Rowcliffe distributed a handout to each of the Board Members (see attachment). He presented an explanation of the objectives of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/1) was reviewed with the Board. In addition, the specific requirements for ESDA was illustrated in the Emergency Services, Disaster & Civil Defense (29 Illinois Administrative Code 301) section of the handout and discussed. Mr. Rowcliffe further explained that edibility is available for an Emergency Management Performance Grant for a jurisdiction that has chosen to become accredited. Marion County currently has the accreditation.

Following the briefing, Chairman Steve Whritenour questioned what are their local expectations or requirements of ESDA. He conveyed that a written County ESDA Policy is in progress, and he would like to include any particulars that need to be included and how to maintain accreditation. Mr. Rowcliffe and Mr. Dodd explained the State makes the decisions with respect to the requirements, and the jurisdiction is responsible for its own expectations. Next, Board Member Adam Smith inquired if the Coordinator's position is to be full-time or part-time, and the response was that the only mandated requirement is that the County has a person in that position. After a brief conversation with Board Member Dr. Mike Douglas, it was determined that Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator is responsible for developing and managing the disaster plan for the County. Mrs. Barter expressed that she is losing monies for her agency due to the County being on the Stop Pay List due to the audit issues.

Lastly, Board Member Brock Waggoner (via telephone) queried if any Counties the size of Marion County have 3 accredited agencies. The response was that Marion County is the only one with 3, but others in the area do have 2. Next, Board Member Cody Rose questioned if there were any consolidation of Counties in Illinois. He was told that was attempted by a few counties, but it did fail; therefore, there is none at the present time.

Continuing with the guest speakers, Neal Smith from Little Egypt Golf Cars addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the excessive amount of the commercial property taxes for his company. He expressed that other businesses within the County have the same issues with the excessive valuation. In addition, he conveyed the difficulties that he has experienced with his property being within an Enterprise Zone and the ten-year property tax abatement. Mr. Smith stated that a meeting with himself, Marion County Assessor Mark Miller, Roy Landers, businesses owner, and Leah Dellicarpini, Economic Development Director-City of Salem had taken place to discuss these matters. He continued to convey his disappointment with the procedures being conducted by Mr. Miller. Lastly, he asked for a vote of no confidence on the Marion County Supervisor of Assessments and requested for the Board to ask for his resignation if he fails. Mr. Smith relayed that he would like to see fairness and consistency regarding property taxes for businesses and individuals within the County.

Next, Roy Landers who owns various businesses concurred with Neal Smith. Additionally, he conveyed that due to his issues with respect to the property taxes he is buying places outside of the Marion County area and "moving out."

Following, Paul Jones of Big R reinforced the issues that Mr. Smith and Mr. Landers previously stated and the effects they have on his business. He emphasized the importance of having fair taxation within the Community.

Dr. Ted Vanacker and Mr. Michael Leuty were not present.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour allowed Leah Dellicarpini, City of Salem to address the Board. She distributed "documents that kind of go through Neal's issue" to each of the Board Members. An in-depth presentation of this information transpired.

Prior to continuing with the Meeting, Board member Josh Dunahee commended the speakers for their messages to the Board. Chairman Steve Whritenour relayed that representatives from Property Evaluation and Tax Advisors, LLC. will be attending the Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. to help find a solution for the County's tax issues.

In addition, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller was granted permission to speak. He provided information regarding the program that he uses and how the assessments are determined, the effects of not receiving all of the paperwork for the Enterprise Zone for Neal Smith and the resolutions with respect to this matter. In his opinion, he criticizes the large property tax multipliers on homes selling significantly higher than their actual value. He provided examples of Marion County home sales within the last 60 days. The Public attempted to interject, but their comments were halted by Chairman Mr. Whritenour. Board Member Adam Smith voiced that the appraiser's increased amounts are to blame. Mr. Miller agreed and feels that it is also caused by the shortage of home sales.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

	2025	2024
¼%	\$98,595.09	\$84,919.08
1%	\$47,888.01	\$42,384.98

Before proceeding further with the Meeting, Board Member Brock Waggoner (via telephone) stated that the Board needs to recognize that an application was received, but there was a lack of communication from Mr. Miller and the City of Salem. Mr. Waggoner's comments were limited due to the difficulty of hearing them over the phone.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp stated that he will have more information available at the next Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated June 16, 2025 (Open Session) and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judith Meeks Hakim made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2025 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Due to SKS Engineers, LLC appearing for the County & Community Committee portion of the Meeting, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour allowed the presentation to be addressed first.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour introduced Stephen Jacobs, SKS Engineers, LLC. and proceeded with an explanation with respect to the need of his company's services. Chairman Mr. Whritenour stated that written within the Wind & Solar Ordinance for Marion County, the County is to hire an engineering firm to review and approve all applications for these projects. Mr. Jacobs continued with his presentation with a thorough description of his organization and the services it provides. A bid proposal from SKS Engineers for the Community Beach Road Solar Farm Project (Solar Generation) was provided to each Board Member in this evening's Agenda's Packet. A brief discussion transpired regarding the issues with the roads to and from the projects. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if there were any current relationships between SKS Engineers and Solar Generation. Mr. Jacobs conveyed that they had only assisted with the farmland drainage plan for Solar Generation and expressed that he did not feel that it would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Waggoner voiced his concerns. Next, Mr. Jacobs relayed that after they have received the application for a project that it would be approximately 10 business days for the completion of the process. Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve the SKS Engineers' quote of \$6,550.00 plus the site visits and travel expenses at an hourly rate of \$250.00 and out of pocket expenses costs + 15%. Motion was made by Debbie Smith and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Deb Reed had a question regarding if other firms will be submitting their quote. Mr. Whritenour stated that the other companies

that he had spoken with require a long term contract, and SKS Engineers may be hired as a single project company. Roll Call Vote: 8 ayes – 7 nays (Brock Waggoner, Dr. Mike Douglas, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, Adam Smith, and David Iossi). Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed the Resolution on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolution is \$300.00. Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-43: Permanent Parcel Number 14-006-500-11 was made by Chris Krupp and seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed. Board Member Brock Waggoner explained that his objection is due to the “Trustee that handles our Tax Sales has admitted that they are using a process that does not involve the Supreme Court’s decision.”

Regarding the items under Old Business, Committee Chairman Chris Krupp reported that the FY 2023 Audit has been completed. At the present time, Marion County has been removed from the Stop Pay List. Pending the Board’s approval of the Letter of Engagement, WIPFLI will begin working on the FY 2024 Audit.

Next, Mr. Krupp addressed the Letter of Engagement from WIPFLI for the FY 2024-FY2026 Audits. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve the WIPFLI Letter of Agreement and was seconded by Deb Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner voiced his concerns with respect to continuing with their services for 3 additional years. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour and Board member Debbie Smith expressed their support for continuing with them. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Following, Chairman Mr. Krupp briefly provided information with respect to Resolution 2025-36: Resolution Regarding Procurement of Goods and Supplies. This was a recommendation from WIPFLI after the completion of the FY 2023 Audit. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-36 and was seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner appeared via telephone for his Committee’s report.

Mr. Waggoner shared that he had verified with Bellwether that the date for the all day Budget Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2025 beginning at 8:00 A.M. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour then conveyed that he had spoken with Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker and verified that WIPFLI has distributed Budget packets to the Office Holders.

Lastly, Chairman Mr. Whritenour stated that representatives from Property Evaluation and Tax Advisors, LLC will be attending the Budget Committee Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that there is nothing new to report. He commended Alex Kreke, Marion County Highway Engineer on repairing the damaged fence at the Marion County Highway Department.

Marion County Board Chairman relayed that he had spoken with Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance Agent, with regards to the Cyber Insurance policy. The renewal for this coverage is now due, and the costs have not changed since last year. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder will follow through with the invoice and payment.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by addressing the Project List for Marion County. A copy of the old list was included in the Full Board Meeting Packet. Mrs. Reed will be providing an updated version in the near future showing that many of the projects have already been completed.

Next, the items under Old Business were discussed. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed conveyed the stripping and resurfacing of the Courthouse floors was an item on the Project List. A brief conversation occurred. Mrs. Reed suggested doing the initial project for \$9,990 and postponing the yearly maintenance (\$6,000.00). Deb Reed made a Motion to approve the stripping and resurfacing of the Courthouse floors for \$9,990.00 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Board Member Josh Dunahee reiterated his disapproval of utilizing funds from this year's Budget when a deficient is being anticipated. He continued by stating that, in his opinion, the Board would not have the public tax payer's support for the project. Board Member Debbie Smith emphasized that this is on the project list and was previously budgeted and was brought before the Board as a courtesy. Questions and concerns regarding the reasoning for the Board's approval were discussed. In conclusion, a decision was made to vote on the project. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 8 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, and David Iossi). Motion failed. An additional conversation transpired regarding the Sheriff's Budget and his Safety Tax Fund.

In continuation with the Old Business, Chairwoman Deb Reed conveyed that the entire Generator and UPS System project was paid through a grant received by Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour then stated that Mrs. Schicker was also able to get an additional \$3,600. She was commended verbally by several Board Members and by applause from the Public in attendance.

Lastly, the procedures to bring a resolution to the Marion County Employee Parking Lot were asked to be reconsidered. Mrs. Reed stated that she will be contacting the consultant and request to have him attend a future Building & Historical Committee Meeting to discuss the remaining factors. Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke voiced that he has the quotes for the surfacing of the property and will share the information at the next Building & Historical Committee Meeting. Board Member Josh Dunahee commended Mr. Kreke for his work. An additional brief discussion regarding the area transpired.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by stating that Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps was absent, but he provided a report that was included in the Full Board Meeting Packet.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his June, 2025 report. He stated that there were a total of 30 deaths; 27 natural (including 6 cancer related) and 3 suicides. In addition, the month of July has currently had 26 deaths. He proceeded by sharing that his deputies and himself have attended several hours of training since December, 2024. He expressed gratitude to the Board for their support for his office and in return was commended for his work for the County.

Following, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter conveyed that her agency is preparing for the Marion County Fair, which begins on Saturday, July 26, 2025. They have also assisted the Marion County Sheriff's Department with a few accidents and with water over the roadway issues. Mrs. Barter stated that after the fair, ESDA will be involved with several events that will continue until after Halloween.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by asking Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator if he had anything to discuss with the Board. He announced that there are currently 6 dogs at The Barking Lot, 2 dogs have been adopted, none have been returned home, and there has been 3 dog bite cases and 1 raccoon bite case. He relayed that there are 4 mixed breed puppies that are available for adoption. Committee Chairman Mr. Murray emphasized the importance of spaying and neutering animals. In conclusion, Board Member Josh Dunahee commended Board Chairman Steve Whritenour for his diligent work with an abused animal case within the County.

Under New Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray reiterated that the SKS Engineering's presentation occurred at the beginning of this Full Board Meeting and stated that the Closed session regarding Marion County Animal Control Housing will take place after the conclusion of the remaining items on the Agenda.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was present via telephone and stated that there was nothing new to report.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith began by allowing Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report. Mr. Kreke had previously provided a written report and this was included in the Full Board Meeting packet (see attachment). He briefly reviewed each item listed on the report. He emphasized that emergency concrete patching will be occurring in the near future on Kinoka Road 4 miles East of Route 37. The public will be notified in advance of the 3-day road closure with signage put in place for any detours. Prior to the conclusion of his report, Co-Chairman Mr. Smith had questions regarding Walnut Hill Road repairs. Engineer Mr. Kreke stated he has applied for funding opportunities for the resurfacing of Walnut Hill and Green Street Roads and patching for Kinoka and Quail Run Roads. He is anticipating a response from the State of Illinois. Additionally, Co-Chairman Tim McCance questioned if Mr. Kreke had received the estimate for the roof repairs/replacement at his facility. He conveyed that he has been in touch with the company and should be receiving the quote in the near future.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there is nothing new to report.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there were three renewals for Liquor License in the County. The establishments were Omega General Store, Rambo's Lucky Day Slots, and Biggies Café and General Store.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that there was nothing new to report.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that there was no meeting today.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the last meeting was July 15, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce in Centralia with nothing new to report. The next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday in August.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Chris Krupp acknowledged that the last meeting was cancelled.

BCMW

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that the next meeting is scheduled for next month.

Prior to the Closed Session, a very brief discussion transpired between Pete Yannakakis, Solar Generation and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Roll call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner (via telephone), Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

Closed Session began at 9:01 P.M.

Sharon Woodward made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 9:11 P.M.

No action was taken after the Closed Session.

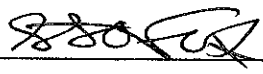
Nothing further to come before the Board, Brock Waggoner made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

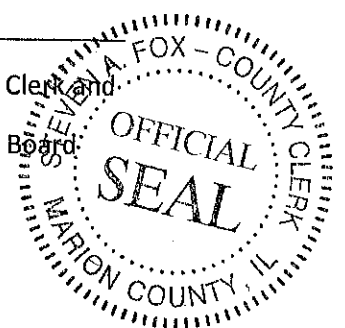
Time: 9:12 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 8-26-25



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board.



7/22/25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

- Karl Dunham
 - Karma Dunham
 - Jeanne Dunahoe
 - Jeff Dunahoe
 - Peter Cannatale's
 - Carol Seffers
 - Wayne Frost
 - Brenda Sullivan
 - Angie Job
 - Janet Kate Sullivan
 - Steven Samuel
 - Carson Smith
 - Hannah Sheffield
 - Luke Alberson
 - Meresa Dunahoe
 - Valerie Tillman
 - ~~Jeff Frost~~
 - ~~Mark M. M. M.~~
 - Andy Se
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- Bruce Kuyper

Road and Bridge Committee

7/8/2025

Discussion items

- ❖ Road items
 - Business as usual
 - Road Grader patching
 - Pothole filing
 - Road bleeds covered
 - County Mowing
 - Oiling roads **July 9th**
 - Marshall Creek
 - FerryDale
 - Upcoming projects
 - Items dependent on Funding Application (NOFO)
 - Resurfacing Walnut Hill
 - Quail Run Bridge
 - Patching on Kinoka Rd
 - Emergency Concrete patching Kinoka Rd
 - 4miles form Rt 37
- ❖ Equipment
 - Purple Wave Auction
 - Will be on August auction. Auction window is 4 weeks, will hopefully have times paid and picked up by September
- ❖ Misc
 - Fence has been Fixed
 - Looking into cost of removal of the damaged/unused shed
 - Building
 - Have not received the estimate for the new roof

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced that as soon as State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth arrives, the meeting will immediately be going into closed session for his presentation.

Next, Mr. Whritenour introduced Matt Renaud, Regional Office of Education 13 (ROE 13) Superintendent. His assistant John Conselino was also present. The ROE 13 represents 45 public school districts within Marion, Jefferson, Clinton, and Washington Counties. In addition, they serve 11 non-public schools and support home schooling families. Mr. Renaud presented a description of the services and support that the Department provides. Afterward, he revealed that he will be retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and he requested that Mr. Conselino be considered to complete the last portion of his term. A petition is currently circulating to allow John Conselino to run for the ROE 13 Superintendent in the November, 2026 election cycle. All questions and comments from the Board Members were responded to. Lastly, Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that the recommendation regarding Mr. Conselino will be presented at the Full Board Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth arrived. Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to go into Closed Session for discussion regarding Opioid Litigation. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 6:47 P.M.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 7:08 P.M.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Josh Dunahee (briefly stepped out of the room, but re-entered), Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Judith Meeks-Hakim.

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth requested a "Motion to approve joining the settlements with Purdue Pharmaceutical and the Opioid Litigation any amount recovered by the Plaintiffs" will be distributed as the previous lawsuits that Marion County has been involved in. He anticipates that Marion County will be receiving approximately \$20,000. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes- 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Continuing with the guest speakers, Paul Irby, Dimension Energy Project Development Manager presented information with respect to the Sandoval CSG 1 Solar Project. He had previously spoke at the County & Community Committee Meeting conducted on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. A binder containing the project's location and information was distributed to each Board Member this evening. He provided details regarding the plan and how Ameren customers will be able to sign up for savings on their electric bills as a result of this being constructed. In addition, Mr. Irby conveyed that he is requesting acceptance of Dimension Energy's application before the September 2, 2025 State funding deadline. A brief discussion transpired and further consideration was addressed during the County & Community portion of the meeting.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour asked Marion County Clerk Steve Fox if he would convey the Illinois Department of Revenue figures. Mr. Fox stated that the figures are for informational purposes and are located on this evening's Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Fox continued and addressed the email from Brooke Frederick, South Central Regional Planning & Development Commission EDA Planner/Loan Portfolio Manager regarding the appointment of Billy Halfacre as a Marion County Representative to the Governing Board of the South Central Regional Planning & Development Commission. Adam Smith made a Motion to appoint Billy Halfacre as a Marion County Representative to the Governing Board of the South Central Regional Planning & Development Commission and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp stated that there was nothing new to discuss this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2025 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp noted that the Resolution numbers on the Agenda were inadvertently misnumbered. He stated that the second Resolution 2025-44 should be Resolution 2025-45. The amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$600.00.

Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-44 and 2025-45 was made by Chris Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 8 ayes – 6 nays (Brock Waggoner, Mike Douglas, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Krupp addressed Resolution 2025-48: Animal Control Officer's Pet Population Fund. Board Member Adam Smith asked if the balance was ever determined. Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell responded that there is approximately \$48,000.00. A brief conversation regarding who is eligible for the use of the funds occurred and was verified by Board Member Tracy Murray. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-48 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Mrs. Smith questioned if a Roll Call Vote was required to pass this Resolution. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox provided clarification. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Committee Chairman recommended publicizing the Resolution of the Marion County Animal Control Facebook page. Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson stated that the funds have been utilized in the past, but only one veterinarian in the County honors the discount.

Continuing with New Business, Mr. Krupp conveyed that he was not aware of an update on the FY 2024 Audit. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour relayed that his last contact with WIPFLI indicated that it should be completed by late October, 2025. The Integrity Investment Fund was addressed in the Closed Session portion earlier in this Meeting.

Under Old Business, after a brief discussion regarding the Audit FY 2023, it was determined that it had previously been accepted.

Prior to the Budget Committee's report, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated that he had been informed of an issue with a Trustee's property and conveyed the information. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour stated that no action could be taken this evening, but further discussion will take place during the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2025.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner reported that representatives from Property Evaluation and Tax Advisors, LLC attended the Budget Committee Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. A contract agreement had been emailed to Mr. Waggoner, and he discussed the details of the commitment. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour informed the Board that Clinton County is now

Budget Committee – Continued:

interested in utilizing their services also. Board Member Debbie Smith brought attention to the fees, and the line item for the payment of \$14,800. This matter was debated and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell shared his concern.

Josh Dunahee made a “Motion to approve Property Evaluation & Tax Advisors LLC in the amount of \$14,800.00 to come from Contingency Funds to assess the Assessor’s Office in regards to equalize the assessed values that we are currently ranked 98 of 102” and was seconded by Cody Rose. Board Member Adam Smith voiced his concerns with hiring this company and how the results will affect the Community. An additional debate was conducted with respect to the funds for this project. Josh Dunahee then made “a Motion to approve Property Evaluation & Tax Advisors LLC for the amount of \$14,800.00 with the understanding that that money comes from CURES Fund to Contingency Fund for them to assess the Assessor’s Office in regards to equalize the assessed values. Further discussion regarding the funds transpired. Afterward, Josh Dunahee made a “Motion to approve Property Evaluation & Tax Advisors LLC in the amount of \$14,800.00 to come from Contingency Funds to come in and evaluate the Assessor’s Office in regards to equalize the assessed values” with the understanding that \$31,000.00 “is being transferred to the Contingency Fund and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Mr. Waggoner shared that the all-day Budget Meeting was conducted on Friday, August 22, 2025. He commended the Office Holders for working with the Board. Other Board Members expressed their gratitude. Bellwether will be providing a Draft FY 2026 Budget after the Labor Day weekend, and a Budget Committee Meeting will be scheduled after it is received.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that there is nothing new to report, and a Quorum was not met for the Monday, August 11, 2025 Insurance Committee Meeting.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by addressing the topic of the Courthouse First Floor Window Safety Film. A brief description of its features was presented. Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the \$11,490.00 purchase of the film from the Building/Maintenance Fund and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Next, the details to bring a resolution to the Marion County Employee Parking Lot were discussed. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour shared the information that he received from a meeting with Brent Hunter, Engineer from Environmental Audits & Consultants, who has been involved with the project. All costs involving the last steps to complete the project with the EPA are reimbursable. Former Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that this procedure has been

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

previously approved by the past Board; therefore, the current Board is not expected to do anything other than budget monies for the final process in the FY 2026 Budget. In addition, Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Adam Smith addressed the estimates from Highway Department Engineer Alex Kreke for the resurfacing of the lot after remediation is finalized. A brief discussion transpired.

Lastly, Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed addressed the Activity Update. She conveyed that the Generator and UPS System project process is continuing, and on Friday, September 26, 2026 the Marion County Courthouse will be closed for testing on the connections. This project was completely funded from a grant received by Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker. Next, Mrs. Reed stated that the previous Pre-Trial Services Office is now being occupied by Marion County Coroner's Secretary, Lisa Morris. She also relayed that the Board was provided a copy of the results from the Fire Alarm Inspection for the Marion County Courthouse in their Meeting Packet.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his report.

Sheriff Cripps began by conveying that testing for Correctional Officer and Deputy had taken place this evening in the basement of his Department. He had provided a written Marion County Sheriff's Department report (see attachment) prior to the meeting, and reviewed the items with the Board. He highlighted that the two transportations of prisoners were conducted by himself and a couple of his own officers. By doing this, the total savings for the County was a little more than \$6,000.00. Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward commended Sheriff Cripps. In addition, Brock Waggoner and several other Board Members expressed appreciation for his written reports.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his July, 2025 report. He conveyed that he and his staff have been continuing with training. He then stated that there were a total of 37 deaths; 34 natural (including 11 cancer related), 1 accidental, and 2 suicides. Coroner Mr. Howell expressed gratitude to the Board for their support for his office and allowing him to utilize the previous Pre-Trial Office.

Under New Business, Sheriff Cripps addressed the Board with regards to the AED Professionals Invoice and the Surplus of 2 Ford Explorers from his Department. He explained that the defibrillators would be for the Courthouse and the Jail. He had spoken with Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth regarding the payment for the items, and it was determined that it would qualify to be covered by the Opioid Settlement Fund. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to approve the \$10,650.00 AED Professionals invoice and payment from the Opioid Settlement Fund and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Surplus of two 2016 Ford Explorers (from the Sheriff's Office) was discussed. The business that Sheriff Cripps is purchasing new vehicles from has offered to pay \$2000.00 for one and \$3,000.00 for the other. He spoke with ESDA Coordinator Sheri Barter, and he felt that these were not feasible for ESDA

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth to analyze the conditions, and Attorney Hudspeth has approved a conditional letter with the understanding that Solar Energy will meet those requirements. A brief discussion transpired regarding SKS Engineers' services for the County and the conditional letters that have been requested. Brock Waggoner made a Motion "for the Solar Generation Project on Community Beach Road and give a conditional approval for them pending" SKS Engineers LLC "issue a certificate of permitting and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Sharon Woodward, Josh Dunahee, and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Following, Committee Chairman Mr. Murray asked for Marion County Clerk Steve Fox to convey information regarding Ordinance 2025-08: Ordinance Requiring the Parcel Identification Number and Common Mailing Addresses on All Documents Recorded and Resolution 2025-47: Polling Place Change. Mr. Fox provided the details of each of them.

Committee Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-08: Ordinance Requiring the Parcel Identification Number and Common Mailing Addresses on All Documents Recorded. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-08 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-47: Polling Place Change. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-47 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Real Estate – Closed Session item was moved to the end of this meeting.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that, with the exception of the last 2 years, everything is ready to be forwarded.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith allowed Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to review his report that was included in the Full Board Meeting packet (see attachment). He briefly discussed each item listed on the report. He emphasized that when oiling is taking place on a road and the road has been closed, people are not to drive around the Department's vehicles and proceed through this area. The Sheriff's Office has been contacted twice within the last 2 weeks with respect to this issue.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Next, Mr. Kreke addressed the Resolution listed on the Agenda and presented a brief description. A question from Committee Co-Chairman Mr. Smith was responded to.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-46: Removal of Additional Marion County Highway Department Equipment and was seconded by Tim McCance. Voice Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

All equipment that was previously approved to be auctioned off by Purple Wave has been purchased and removed from the Department's facility.

There were no new updates regarding the roof's replacement.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there is nothing new to report.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that The Wedding Barn's Liquor License was renewed.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative David Iossi stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that there was nothing new to report.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that there was a meeting this evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Chris Krupp stated that a meeting was conducted last week with nothing new to report.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued:

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there will be a meeting within the next couple of weeks.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Chris Krupp acknowledged that the last meeting was cancelled.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 9:03 P.M.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 9:28 P.M.

No action was taken after the Closed Session.

Prior to adjournment, Board Member Debbie Smith addressed the issues that some Board Members are having with their IPADS. She requested consideration with having XT Solutions gather all of the IPADS after a meeting to “get them all on line” and the possibility of purchasing new ones or a different tablet-style computing device. Board Member Brock Waggoner voiced his opinion of resolution to the issues.


Nothing further to come before the Board, Tracy Murray made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

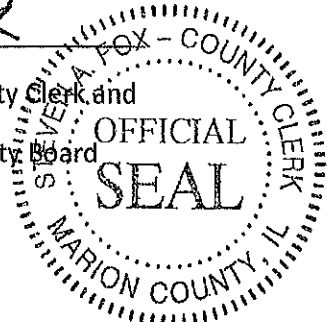
Time: 9:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 9-23-25



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



8-26-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

MARK MILLER

Officer Baxter Marion County ESA Coordinator

Judy Fark Danny Fark

Dee Huelsketter

Matt Huelsketter

Wayne S. Walker

Matt Kinard

John Consolino

Jeanne Munaher

~~Jeff~~
~~Dee~~

Karna Dunham

Carmel White

Robert Nestor

Sheal Scott

Paul Iby

Keene Capps Sheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



SHERIFF KEVIN CRIPPS
MARION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dear Marion County Board,

08/26/25

From 7/22/25 to 8/26/2025, the Marion County Sheriff's Office handled:

1704 Calls for Service (average 49 calls per day)
70 Prisoner transports
117 inmates booked into the jail
5324 meals prepared and served at an average cost of \$2.63 each.

As of today, 08/26/2025, we have 75 inmates and 37 federal inmates, 5 Juveniles.

My office conducted two long and fast prisoner transports in the last month.

We transported a prisoner which was wanted on a No Bond Marion County warrant from the State of New York to the Marion County jail.

The second transport was the recently convicted murderer from our Jail to New Jersey (Fort Dix Federal penitentiary). We first transported him here 3.5 years ago to stand trial for the murder charges. These trips are directly to the locations and back with a quick turnaround return. We chose to do the transports ourselves to save money.

Total cost savings to the County was just over **\$6,000.00** dollars.

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL BUILDING UPDATES

Courthouse generator has been installed and TOPPs is working to get things finished. The Courthouse will be closed Sept. 26th to allow the power to be disconnected at the Courthouse to test load the generator.

No other activity to be reported at this time and I will try and give updates as the projects go along.

Hope you all have a great meeting.

Sheriff Kevin W. Cripps

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Road and Bridge Committee

08/12/2025

Discussion items

- ❖ Road items
 - Business as usual
 - Oiling roads
 - Oiled Medlin RD and Walnut Hill through town
- ❖ Equipment
 - New items to auction
 - Dump Truck: Sterling LT7500
 - Trailer: Tag-A-Long Trailer king 18Ton
 - PurpleWave Auction
 - Pulled in roughly \$45,000
- ❖ Misc
 - Back shed is down,
 - Working on clean up
 - 2026FY budget

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Board member Brock Waggoner.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Adam Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Neal Smith, President of Little Egypt Golf Cars voiced his concerns regarding the under billing (approximately 2 ½ %) of the property taxes within the County. He also questioned what the ramification may be if the State intervenes.

Next, Joe Splain, Marion County resident, shared with the Board the issues that he has been having with respect to raw sewage being run onto his property that is coming from his neighbors. He stated that he has had the Health Inspector involved without any resolutions being made. Marion County State's Tim Hudspeth stated that he will be in contact with the Marion County Health Department and the Sheriff's Department and then report back to Mr. Splain.

Following, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced that State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth has requested to go into Closed Session to discuss Opioid Litigation.

Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to go into Closed Session for discussion regarding Opioid Litigation. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 6:38 P.M.

Debbie Smith made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 6:45 P.M.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Adam Smith.

Chris Krupp made the Motion to accept the Opioid Litigation settlement with the Secondary Manufactures’ Settlements and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes- 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth questioned Mr. Waggoner the reason for his “no” vote, and he did respond.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$104,264.23	\$84,944.70
1%	\$71,621.99	\$34,570.67

Chairman Mr. Whritenour continued and addressed the correspondence from Matt Renaud, Regional Office of Education 13 Superintendent regarding the appointment of John Consolino to complete the last year of Mr. Renaud’s term as Regional Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2026. Board Member Brock Waggoner presented information regarding Mr. Consolino’s nomination. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to appoint John Consolino to complete the last year of Mr. Renaud’s term as Regional Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2026 and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

The next item discussed on the Agenda was the correspondence from Marion County Health Department requesting reappointment of the following to the Marion County Board of Health for the terms listed:

Tom Turner, Retired Marion County School Principal	11/30/2025 - 11/30/2028
Paula Strother, Registered Nurse and Retired School Nurse	11/30/2025 - 11/30/2028
Keith Kessler, Marion County Attorney at Law	11/30/2025 - 11/30/2028
Dr. Michael Douglas, County Board Rep. and Veterinarian	11/30/2025 – 11/30/2026.

Mr. Whritenour communicated that the Board’s policy regarding appointments and reappointments had previously been debated. A thorough discussion with respect to the public’s notification of the openings and the proposed protocols transpired. Board Member Judith Meeks-Hakim voiced her concern with this issue only being discussed when the Marion County Health Department has appointments or reappointments. Thereafter, Debbie Smith made a Motion to table the Health Department’s request for reappointments and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Sharon Woodward and Judith Meeks-Hakim). Motion passed.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp stated that he had received an email regarding an organization that would perform the VAC tasks for the County. After reviewing the information, he discouraged utilizing their services. Bob Sheehorn President of the VAC of Marion County was allowed to speak and emphasized that his intention is to hire a person by December 1, 2025. He has previously provided their Budget to the Board for their review and is awaiting the decision with respect to the funding for the program. Mr. Krupp reaffirmed that the Finance Committee is addressing this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2025 (Open Session) and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp permitted Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell to provide information regarding Ordinance 2025-09: Creating an Animal Control Donations/Memorial Fund for Marion County, Illinois. Following, Jack Riley made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-09 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Purcell continued and conveyed details of the informational handouts which were included in the Full Board Meeting Packet: Joseph E. Meyer & Associates and the Marion County Sealed Bid Auction of Surplus Real Estate and Mobile Homes. Questions from the Board Members were responded to.

Next, Mr. Krupp addressed the Trustee Sale of 512 South Cherry, Centralia, Illinois. He had spoken with Thomas Dunaway to obtain more information and voiced his concerns. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller also relayed additional specifics regarding this matter. A debate occurred with the resolution that this is a "unique circumstance." Chris Krupp made a Motion to "allow Thomas Dunaway to purchase the 521 South Cherry property Centralia for the minimum bid of \$832.00" and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner amended the Motion by adding the statement "that this is a unique circumstance that probably may never happen again" with payment "by October 1st." Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas and Josh Dunahee). Motion passed.

Lastly, Mr. Krupp conveyed that Bellwether is nearing completion of the FY 2024 Audit.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner clarified that his request for Resolutions to be placed on the agenda should have been labeled as Ordinances, but their titles and descriptions are correct for each. The Board Members were given copies of the Ordinances with their Agendas for tonight's Meeting. Mr. Waggoner stated that all of the information within the Ordinances had been previously discussed during past Meetings, and a brief description of each was given prior to the Roll Call Vote.

The modifications are as follows:

Resolution 2025-51 is replaced by Ordinance 2025-10: Moving money from circuit clerk funds for software covered by grant funding to contingency to cover property tax assessment review. Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10 and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-52 is replaced by Ordinance 2025-11: Increasing Circuit Clerk fund for salary for onboarding new employee. Josh Dunahee made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-54 is replaced by Ordinance 2025-12: Adjustment of grant funds to match dollars received. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-12 and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-53 is replaced by Ordinance 2025-13: Readjusting monies for courthouse with inflow of TIF funds for sidewalk repairs. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13 and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Following, Committee Chairman Mr. Waggoner conveyed that several items are being taken into consideration for the FY 2026 Budget. Questions from Board and Budget Committee Member Josh Dunahee were responded to. Further discussions will be taking place.

Mr. Waggoner stated that the Property Evaluation & Tax Advisors, LLC commended Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments and the Marion County Office Holders for working with them during their visit. They reported that they are on schedule for the completion of their project.

Prior to the Insurance Committee's report, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour briefly mentioned that the U of I Marion County Extension Board Levy request of \$163,200.00 was approximately the same as last year.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Monday, September 8, 2025 with representatives from Chaney & Karsh and Mutual Medical discussing the Marion County Healthcare Insurance. Mr. Iossi and Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour emphasized that the premium's 3% increase for next year is very reasonable.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by addressing the topic of the Peoples National Bank Correspondence Re: Loan Payment for Replacing Windows and Doors and Installing a Backup Generator. She stated that there is an ability to adjust the payment schedule. A brief discussion transpired. Tracy Murray made a Motion to keep as is and keep payment at \$85,887.09 to be paid off in 10 years and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next item regarding the Marion County Public Service Building roof replacement was discussed. Handouts were included in the Board's Meeting packet. Mrs. Reed informed the Board that the roof is over 35 years old and has always been repaired and never been replaced. The project's specifications will be available at the Marion County Courthouse Guard's desk or by emailing llinder@marionco.illinois.gov. In addition, an ad for sealed bids will be placed in the newspaper with a deadline of Monday, October 6, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. The goal is to have this project completed and paid for in FY2025. A Building & Historical Committee and a Special Full Board Meeting will be scheduled for opening and approving the bids directly after the deadline. Several Board Members commended Deb Reed.

Lastly, Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed relayed that an email was delivered to the Board regarding a grant that is available for abandoned cemeteries. She is interested in contacting SCIRPD with respect to applying for a grant for the Wham Cemetery in Marion County where Civil War Veterans are buried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by conveying that Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps absent and will present his report at the Full Board Meeting in October.

Marion County Coroner Claude Howell had left the Meeting after he was notified of a call, but he provided a written report to Chairwoman Mrs. Woodward. She communicated that there was a total of 32 deaths in August; 29 natural (6 cancer related and 23 other), 1 accidental, and 2 pending. Additionally, 2 autopsies and 16 cremations were performed.

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter was absent due to illness.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray began by stating that Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator had also left the Meeting after being notified of a call.

Following, Mr. Murray announced that an adoption event was conducted during the Southern Illinois Antique Power Days at the Marion County Fairgrounds. He commended Ken Ferguson, Molly Hongsermeier, and Hometown Paws for their success at adopting 14 out of 15 dogs. Unfortunately, he

County & Community Committee – Continued:

reported that several puppies and a few adult dogs have filled those open spaces and are now looking for new homes.

Under New Business, Chairman Mr. Murray entertained a Motion to approve the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County for the year 2026. Debbie Smith made the Motion and Judith Meeks-Hakim made the second. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Real Estate Closed Session took place at the end of this Meeting.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that there was nothing new to report.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Tim McCance allowed Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report that was included in the Full Board Meeting packet. He stated that the oiling for the County has been completed. His crews are currently mowing and installing culverts throughout the County.

Next, Mr. Kreke addressed the Resolutions listed on the Agenda and presented a brief description of each. While providing information regarding Resolution 2025-50: Preliminary Plat Entitled Whitetail Acres Subdivision, Engineer Mr. Kreke voiced his concerns with the Texico Lane Road being owned by Citation Oil. Several Board Members also communicated their apprehensions with respect to approving this Resolution. A discussion transpired and in conclusion more information is required. Chris Krupp made a Motion to Table Resolution 2025-50: Preliminary Plat Entitled Whitetail Acres Subdivision and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Alex Kreke will provide additional information at the County & Community Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-49: ROW Permit Raccoon Water Company/County Farm Road Boring Water Service Line and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no new updates regarding the Capital Improvement Plan for the Marion County Highway Department Facility and Equipment.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent; therefore, nothing new was reported.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there are new owners of a business that is in the process of competing their application for a new license.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia. She shared that the topic of discussion during this month's meeting was their Budget.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that there was nothing new to report.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that there was a meeting this evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a meeting will be conducted on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that she and Debbie Smith attended the last meeting via ZOOM. She conveyed that this was her last meeting due to her term expiring.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Chris Krupp stated that there was nothing new to report.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith was absent; therefore, there was nothing new to report.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

5-minute break.

Closed Session began at 8:25 P.M.

Debbie Smith made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 9:23 P.M.

Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced that during the Closed Session a discussion transpired regarding the submission of a Closed Bid for the Salem Animal Facility. Prior to coming out of Closed Session a Motion to submit a Closed Bid was made and approved by a Roll Call Vote with 8 Ayes – 6 nays (Brock Waggoner, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Chris Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi).


Nothing further to come before the Board, Chris Krupp made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 9:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 10-28-25

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Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



9-23-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

MARK MILLER

Bob Shehorn

Martin Winkler

Melissa Mallow

Dela Splain

Jim Spier

Ken Spier

MARION COUNTY SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Sharon Woodward, Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Adam Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Bill Smith and Bruce Kropp, WJBD.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: No one.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by allowing Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed to address the roof replacement at the Marion County Public Service Building. Mrs. Reed conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this Special Board Meeting, and that 2 Sealed Bids were opened and discussed. The first bid was from ARS Construction for the amount of \$89,880.00, and the second bid was from Elite Contracting for the amount of \$124,680.00. She stated that the Committee Members approved to submit the ARS Construction bid to the Full Board. Following, Deb Reed made a Motion to accept the ARS Construction bid and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Chairwoman Mrs. Reed indicated that the replacement would begin approximately on October 14, 2025 with an anticipated completion date of October 31, 2025. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Chairman Steve Whritenour and several Board Members commended Deb Reed for her accelerated and thorough work on this project.

Next, Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the Block 15 Enterprises LLC D.B.A. Iron Saddle Restaurant Liquor License. He stated that a Liquor Committee Meeting was also held prior to this evening's Meeting. He provided information with respect to the Iron Saddle leasing the restaurant portion to the current chef at the facility. He has been with the establishment for several years. A complete Liquor License application and pre-approval process has been completed, including the Illinois State Police Background Check. During their Meeting, the Marion County Liquor Committee approved submitting the leasees' application to the Full Board. Tracy Murray made a Motion to accept the Block 15 Enterprises LLC D.B.A. Iron Saddle Restaurant Liquor License and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – No nays – 1 Abstain (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by addressing Ordinance 2025-14: Countywide Appointments. A copy was provided to the Board Members prior to the beginning of this meeting. He reiterated the motive for this Ordinance. Board Member Brock Waggoner recommended the addition of notification information. A brief discussion transpired. Chairman Mr. Whritenour will be contacting Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth regarding his approval of Mr. Waggoner's recommendation of adding a timeline.

Following, Dr. Mike Douglas made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-14: Countywide Appointments with the revision of Section One-A by adding a timeframe of 90-day notice of a vacancy and 45 days prior to the vacancy to receive all applicants' submissions pending approval from State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth and was seconded by Cody Rose. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Sharon Woodward). Motion passed.

Next, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$109,328.40	\$85,276.58
1%	\$61,999.45	\$50,600.04

Appointments:

Appointments:

Chairman Mr. Whritenour continued and addressed the correspondences that were previously received with respect to reappointments to the Board of Review and the Marion County Health Department. He explained how the procedure for appointments/reappointments will be conducted until the final approval of Ordinance 2025-14.

Continuing, he communicated that correspondence from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller was received and Mr. Miller recommended the reappointment of John Wright to the Board of Review for an additional 2-year term to expire October 31, 2027. Debbie Smith made a Motion to reappoint John Wright to the Board of Review for an additional 2-year term to expire October 31, 2027 and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Josh Dunahee voiced his concerns with the Board of Review and asked for a description of the qualifications to serve on the Board of Review. Mr. Miller presented the information and responded to Mr. Dunahee's questions and concerns. He also shared that he had attended a County & Community Committee Meeting and presented his recommendations prior to this Meeting for discussion of the appointment/reappointment procedure with the County. Chairman Mr. Whritenour and County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray provided verification. Committee Chairman Mr. Murray explained since an Ordinance had not been set in place, the Committee approved that any appointments/reappointments would be addressed as in the past. After final approval of an Ordinance, those guidelines would need to be followed. Lastly, Board Member Brock Waggoner expressed his comments and concerns. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 4 nays (Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Next, Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments recommending the reappointment of Patrick Kyker to the Board of Review for an additional 2-year term to expire October 31, 2027. Debbie Smith made a Motion to reappoint Patrick Kyker to the Board of Review for an additional 2-year term to expire October 31, 2027 and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 4 nays (Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Prior to moving forward, Mr. Miller announced that anyone interested in servicing on the Board of Review to please contact him via email (ccao@marionco.illinois.gov) or come into his office.

Following, Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Health Department requesting reappointment of the following to the Marion County Board of Health for the terms listed: (Tabled 9/23/25)

Tom Turner, Retired Marion County School Principal	11/30/2025 - 11/30/2028
Paula Strother, Registered Nurse and Retired School Nurse	11/30/2025 - 11/30/2028
Keith Kessler, Marion County Attorney at Law	11/30/2025 - 11/30/2028
Michael Douglas, County Board Rep. and Veterinarian	11/30/2025 – 11/30/2026

Appointments – Continued:

Debbie Smith made a Motion to reappoint Tom Turner for a term of 11/30/2025 to 11/30/2028 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Voice Vote, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator responded to questions from Board Members Josh Dunahee and Brock Waggoner regarding additional applicants for the positions. Mr. Waggoner voiced his concerns. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to reappoint Paula Strother for a term of 11/30/2025 to 11/30/2028 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to reappoint Keith Kessler for a term of 11/30/2025 to 11/30/2028 and was seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to reappoint Michael Douglas for a term of 11/30/2025 to 11/30/2026 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Cody Rose). Motion passed.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Chris Krupp stated that there was nothing new to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated September 23, 2025 (Open Session) and was seconded by Mike Douglas. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Special Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2025 and was seconded by Mike Douglas. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by making an Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-51 thru 2025-59 "to do with delinquent tax sales of properties" and was seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 4 nays (Brock Waggoner, Josh Dunahee, Tim McCance, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Lastly, Mr. Krupp conveyed that Bellwether is anticipating that the completion of the FY 2024 Audit will be in December, 2025. An extension letter will be signed by WIPFLI and Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp to keep Marion County from being placed on the Stop Pay List. Board Member Josh Dunahee commended Mr. Krupp.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that a Combined Meeting with the Budget, Insurance, and Finance Committees took place on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. During this time several items were taken into consideration for the FY 2026 Budget. Mr. Waggoner conveyed that there are ongoing discussions regarding the FY 2026 Levy.

Following, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour shared that he and the representatives from the Property Evaluation & Tax Advisors, LLC will be having a ZOOM Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025 to discuss their findings. A report is anticipated to be issued to Chairman Mr. Whritenour later this week. A Full Board Meeting will be scheduled in November, 2025 to expand on this topic.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi reiterated that the Insurance Committee was included in the Combined Meeting that was conducted on October 15, 2025. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour expressed that the Self Pay Insurance premium will only increase by 3% for the next year.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by announcing that the safety film has been placed on the windows of the Courthouse and the BiState Glass Coating Safetyshield Warranty has been received. A copy was provided in this Meeting's Board Packet.

Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed shared an update regarding the Marion County Public Service Building roof replacement. The placement of the new roof is very close to being completed, but there has been a delay in the shipment of the coping, but is expected to be delivered by the end of the week. She commended ARS Construction for their efficiency with this project.

Lastly, Mrs. Reed relayed that Jeff Mulvany from ARS Construction will soon be visiting the Marion County Highway Department to give an assessment of the roofing replacement/repairs at that facility.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his monthly report. Sheriff Cripps provided a written report that was distributed to each Board Member prior to this Meeting (see attachment). He briefly reviewed the information. He again invited everyone to visit his Facility.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his monthly report. He communicated that there were a total of 27 deaths during the month of September; 25 Coroner and 2 Medical. This included 5 cancer related cases, 21 other, and 1 suicide. In conclusion, he shared that the finances for his Department are in line with what is to be expected for this time of year. He also invited everyone to visit his Office.

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter provided a written report for the months of August, September, and October prior to this meeting and was included in the Board's Packet (see attachment). In addition, Ms. Barter stated that she has 5 units patrolling the outskirts of the County from 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. until to October 31, 2025 to help alleviate any mischief.

Following, 911/ESDA Committee Liaison Cody Rose conveyed that he is nearing completion of an EMA Roster for the County and is updating the Emergency Operations Plan for Marion County. The Marion County Health Department's Plan has been completed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray began by allowing Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator to present his monthly report. He had provided a written copy prior to this evening's Meeting. He announced that there were 2 dog bite cases, conducted 4 wellness checks, and returned 2 dogs to their owners. He tended to 11 no dog found calls. One dog was returned to Jefferson County and one to Clay County. Lastly, 4 dogs had been adopted in the last 4 days, and 1 dog had to be euthanized. Mr. Ferguson emphasized that 90% of his calls are coming from Centralia since the resignation of their Animal Control Officer.

Following, Committee Chairman Mr. Murray commended the Marion County Animal Control for the adoptions of 52 dogs since June, 2025.

Under New Business, Chairman Mr. Murray conveyed that the Real Estate Closed Session will take place at the end of this Meeting.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that everything has been prepared for shipment to American Legal Publishing, and the estimated time of completion is 8-12 months after they have received the information.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Tim McCance allowed Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report. He stated that his Department has had a very busy month. The mowing and brush cutting are continuing. He provided information with respect to the closure of the bridge on Race Track Road and emphasized that the signage for weight limits need to be followed. In addition, he communicated that the district wide line painting on Walnut Hill Road and Green Street Road has been completed. The other issues with Green Street Road are being addressed. His crews have installed 8 culverts throughout the County with 8 others pending installation. Lastly, comments were debated regarding the roof replacement/repairs at the Department's facility.

Next, Committee Member Tracy Murray communicated a description and purpose for submitting Ordinance 2025-15: Authorizing the Marion County Highway Engineer to Review, Approve, or Deny Applications for Right-of-Way Permits on Highways Maintained by the Marion County Highway Department to the Board for its approval. Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15 and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Board member Brock Waggoner voiced his concerns. A brief discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith entertained an "Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-60 thru 2025-62 on the advice of the Marion County Highway Engineer." Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no new updates regarding the Capital Improvement Plan for the Marion County Highway Department Facility and Equipment.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith announced that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour disclosed the possibility of the County purchasing a building for Marion County Animal Control. Additionally, he reiterated that the County is now responsible for the animals within the city of Centralia. He expressed the necessity for hiring extra personnel, and a Motion was passed by the Committee to submit for approval to post job opportunities for Marion Animal Control staffing. Adam Smith made a Motion to "offer those jobs with a job description on Indeed.com," the Marion County Animal Control Face Book page, and any relevant site and a second was made by Dr. Mike Douglas. Following a question from Board Member Josh Dunahee regarding the availability of a vehicle from the City of Centralia, it was relayed determined that additional discussions with respect to Marion County Animal Control will be taking place. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman and Liquor Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve the Liquor Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2025. Debbie Smith made that Motion and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passes.

No Liquor Licenses were renewed.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there were upgrades at the 911 Centers in Salem and Centralia. He commended the Dispatchers from Salem and Centralia for their work.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative David Iossi stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that the next Meeting is in December, 2025.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that there was a meeting in September, and their Budget was approved at that time.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Chris Krupp stated that a meeting was conducted the week prior, and there was nothing new to report.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that there was not a Meeting.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that a new Economical Director has been hired. The next Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that he was unable to attend the last Meeting therefore, there was nothing new to report.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to go into Closed Session and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 7:58 P.M.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 8:58 P.M.

No action was taken after the Closed Session.

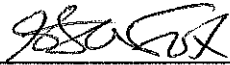
Nothing further to come before the Board, Tracy Murray made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:59 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 11-25-25



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

10-28-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

John Baxter Marion County ESDA Coop.

of Captains

~~King~~

Bill Smith

~~DER~~

Melissa Miller

Jeanne M. Munnick

~~Jeff~~

MARK MILLER

Barry Kopp

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



SHERIFF KEVIN CRIPPS
MARION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dear Marion County Board,

10/28/25

From 9/23/25 to 10/28/2025, the Marion County Sheriff's Office handled:

1685 Calls for Service (average **46** calls per day)

69 Prisoner transports

128 inmates booked into the jail

5968 meals prepared and served at an average cost of \$ 1.76 each.

*As of today, 10/28/2025, we have **64** inmates and **35** federal inmates, **3** Juveniles.*

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL BUILDING UPDATES

Courthouse generator has been installed, I believe finished.

No other activity to be reported at this time and I will try and give updates as the projects go along.

Hope you all have a great meeting.

Sheriff Kevin W. Cripps

Marion County ESDA

"Emergency Service and Disaster Agency"

1999 South Marion Street, Salem, Illinois 62881



Report for August, September, and October Events 2025

August 1st and 2nd

*Finished Marion County Fair week.

August 15th and 16th

*Centralia Balloon Festival. Security and traffic control at the gate.

August 29 and 30, 2025

*Patoka Fest

**Friday, be at the park at 4 pm to park vehicles

**Saturday, be at Patoka for the parade at 10 am

"Thank you, lunch" for the volunteers following the parade.

**Saturday, be at the park at 1 pm to park vehicles

September 1, 2025

*Kinmundy Parade "Thank you lunch" for volunteers and meeting starting at

10:30 am at the town hall.

**Be at your parade spot at 1 pm

September 4th to 7th, 2025

*Antique Power Days, park cars from 8 am to whenever for each day.

September 13, 2025

*Apple Festival (Fairgrounds) Be here at 8 am

September 15 to 20, 2025

*PKC Super Stakes, security watch at night from 7:30 pm to 1 am.

October 4, 2025

*The Little Egypt Parade, Be at the Salem PD at 10 am for the meeting. Assist in closing/blocking streets for the Parade at 2 pm.

*Marion County Fall Brawl (Demo Derby) after parade to park vehicles. Derby starts at 6 pm

SPECIAL MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Courtroom 302

Meeting convened at 6:03 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Brock Waggoner and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Barter shared that her Department is currently tending to an oil spill on the corner of Lazy Acre and Selmaville Roads. The oil spillage amount is approximately 5,200 gallons. She continued by conveying that she had received an email stating that Marion County is temporarily back on the Stop Pay List. Board Member and Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp stated that he was aware and is in the process of getting this matter resolved. Next, Mrs. Barter relayed that she had communicated with Adam Croy, Region 9 ESDA Coordinator and Jared Rowcliff, Region 9 Staff Development Specialist with respect to a couple of issues that she was having. The first matter was the Marion County EOP that ESDA Liaison Cody Rose is working on. She was told that it did not need to be updated until 2027 because she has not received the Rules and Regulations and that any changes could cause Marion County to not be in compliance. Mr. Rose responded that he appreciated her concern. The next item was with the pending Meeting minutes to be approved that stated Marion County EMA. She advised the Board Members that the State recognizes the Department as Marion County ESDA and city agencies are considered EMA. Lastly, a brief discussion occurred between Mrs. Barter and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour regarding the meetings that were conducted with the City of Salem EMA Director Andrew Strong and City of Centralia ESDA Coordinator. Mr. Whritenour commended Mrs. Barter for her time.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING - CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by entertaining a Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Marion County Animal Control Facility and the Reconstruction of Marion County ESDA. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote began, but was suspended as Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps asked to address the Board as a guest. He was allowed to proceed.

Sheriff Cripps acknowledged that he is appearing as the Sheriff, but also as a concerned Marion County Tax payer. He voiced his concerns with reference to the utilization of the ¼% Sales Tax funds after he had researched the information written in a Referendum from 1997. Next, he stated that Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth was asked to review the tax referendum in 2021 by the Board Chairman at the time and provide his understanding since the new jail had been paid in full. Sheriff Cripps shared Attorney Hudspeth's interpretation of the use of the funds. Following, he communicated his concerns as a Marion County tax payer after observing that \$1 million had been moved from the Safety Tax fund to a Digital Radio Programming System line item on the provisional FY 2026 Budget. He demonstrated his disapproval of this purchase.

Following, Debbie Smith repeated her Motion and was again seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 6:22 P.M.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 7:43 P.M.

A 5-minute break occurred.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Brock Waggoner and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

No action was taken regarding the topics discussed during the Closed Session.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour continued with the Open Portion of the meeting.

A thorough discussion with respect to the items listed in the Provisional FY 2026 Budget transpired. During the conversations, Chairman Mr. Whritenour shared that an expense portion for the Marion County Treasurer had been lowered after questions were raised at the Budget Meeting conducted on Monday, November 10, 2025. In addition, an in depth debate was conducted after Board Member Adam Smith stated that he opposed the addition of the line item for the Radio Equipment System from the Safety Tax Fund, while Chairman Mr. Whritenour conveyed his opinion regarding its benefits. Sheriff Cripps also voiced his concerns as a Marion County tax payer and as the Sheriff for this expenditure. This resulted in remarks from Board Member Josh Dunahee and others concerning the proposed 2.9% FY 2026 Levy, including the funding for the Marion County VAC from the Levy.

In continuation, after questioning from Board Member Sharon Woodward, the addition of County Executive Assistant line item was reviewed. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour explained the benefits of having this set in place and shared that Bellwether is able to provide this service for the County. Questions and comments were taken into consideration with further discussions planned in the future. Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve "the FY 2026 Budget with the extraction of the \$1-million-line item and putting it back into the Safety Tax" and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Board Member

Cody Rose had additional questions regarding the FY 2026 Levy and its effects to the FY 2026 Budget. Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell provided information with respect to this matter. An additional thorough discussion transpired. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

The FY 2026 Budget will now lay for 15 days. An explanation of how changes to the FY 2026 Budget was provided by Board Chairman Steve Whritenour.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Sharon Woodward made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 9:03 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 2-10-26



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board

SPECIAL MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Courtroom 301

Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Mike Douglas, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: No One.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING - CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour opened the Meeting by allowing Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed to address the Marion County Highway Department Facility's roof repair/replacement. Highway Engineer Alex Kreke distributed pictures of the current condition of the deteriorating areas. A thorough discussion transpired regarding the seriousness and the necessity of this project. Additional information with respect to the costs was conveyed by Chairwoman Mrs. Reed. She had previously spoken to the contractors that had replaced the roof at the Marion County Public Service Building regarding this matter. Their estimate was under the \$30,000.00 bidding limit. Proposed arrangements with the payments were also debated. Mrs. Reed reiterated that in her opinion, action needs to be taken as soon as possible. Tim McCance made a Motion to proceed with the replacement/repairs to the Marion County Highway Department Facility's roof and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour continued by introducing Gary Twist from Property Evaluation and Tax Auditors, LLC. Prior to Mr. Twist's presentation, Chairman Mr. Whritenour shared that anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the Marion County Assessment Study may provide their email address and Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder will forward one to them. The Board Members and Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Miller had received a copy prior to this evening's meeting. An official copy is located in the Board Secretary's Office in the Courthouse, Room 201.

Next, Chairman Mr. Whritenour stated that this was an informational meeting, and any questions from the Board are due by December 1, 2025, then will be submitted to Mr. Twist via email for his response. Mr. Gary Twist began by commending Mr. Miller for his collaboration in providing the requested

11-19-25

Special Full Board Meeting

Guests

Mark W. [unclear]

See [unclear]

Matthew [unclear]

DA [unclear]

Myra [unclear]

Randy Clark

Kenny HAYS

Theresa Hoke

Brent Thomas

Steven Bunnell

E. M. Howard

Angela Dumas

Gene [unclear]

Chris [unclear]

Colly Brook

Brit [unclear]

RH [unclear]

[unclear]

Ashlee Adams

Tris

Cory [unclear]

Dale [unclear]

Bill [unclear]

Clayton [unclear]

Cory [unclear]

[unclear]

Randy Helm

SAM THOMPSON

Steve Broy

Mark Clark

John Henry

MARK MILLER

Danny Bury

Wesley Burt

Al X. Burt

Donna Burt

Jane Gaston

Myrtle Givens

Ann Givens

Franka Dunham

Karl Dunham

Valley Dunham

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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Brock Waggoner, Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Debbie Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Judge George Lackey addressed the Marion County Veteran's Assistance Commission. He had questions and comments regarding the funding for the program. Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that a representative from Bellwether, LLC is present to discuss the Marion County FY 2026 Levy, and he may be able to answer Judge Lackey's questions.

Next, Courtney Beal, Marion County 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator shared a brief description of the County's 4-H organization. Two members of the Team Leadership Program shared their experiences while participating in 4-H. They expressed gratitude for the Board's support by providing Thank You cards and 4 leaf clover cookies to the Board Members.

Guest Kristy Barton was not in attendance to address her issues with the Marion County Animal Control.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by introducing Dustin Harmon, Bellwether, LLC. A PDF copy of Mr. Harmon's slide presentation was provided to each Board Member prior to this evening's Meeting (see attachment). Mr. Harmon presented detailed information regarding the categories of the Marion County Tax Levy. A thorough discussion transpired. Responses were given to all questions and concerns.

The revised copy of Ordinance 2025-14: Countywide Appointments was not received prior to this evening's meeting; therefore, it was not addressed.

Following, Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour announced that the proposal of forming a Marion County Economic Board will be further discussed in the near future. In addition, he shared the benefits for this proposition.

Next, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$103,790.57	\$89,971.92
1%	\$66,771.00	\$41,387.58

Appointments:

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County 911 Coordinator Stacey Arenas recommending the reappointment of Chris Locke to the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board for a 4-year term. Adam Smith made a Motion to reappoint Chris Locke to the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board for a 4-year term and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County 911 Coordinator Stacey Arenas recommending the reappointment of Jeff Day to the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board for a 4-year term. Tracy Murray made a Motion to reappoint Jeff Day to the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board for a 4-year term and was seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County 911 Coordinator Stacey Arenas recommending the reappointment of Tyler Rose to the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board for a 4-year term. Adam Smith made a Motion to reappoint Tyler Rose to the Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board for a 4-year term and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps recommending the reappointment of David Hiltibidal (Undeclared) to the Marion County Merit Commission for an additional 4-year term. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to reappoint David Hiltibidal to the Marion County Merit Commission for an additional 4-year term and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps recommending the reappointment of David Black (Republican) to the Marion County Merit Commission for an additional 4-year term. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to reappoint David Black to the Marion County Merit Commission for an additional 4-year term and was seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Appointments – Continued:

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps recommending the reappointment of Albert Gallatin (Republican) to the Marion County Merit Commission for an additional 6-year term. Adam Smith made a Motion to reappoint Albert Gallatin to the Marion County Merit Commission for an additional 6-year term and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Housing Authority recommending the reappointment of Nancy Lackey to the Marion County Housing Board Commission for an additional term to expire on 12/31/30. Adam Smith made a Motion to reappoint Nancy Lackey to the Marion County Housing Board Commission for an additional term to expire on 12/31/30 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the correspondence from Marion County Housing Authority recommending the reappointment of Ray Bowers to the Marion County Housing Board Commission for an additional term to expire on 12/31/30. Deb Reed made a Motion to reappoint Ray Bowers to the Marion County Housing Board Commission for an additional term to expire on 12/31/30 and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Josh Dunahee, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Prior to the Veteran Assistance Commission, Deb Reed questioned the “nay” voters’ response. They verified that it was due to Ordinance 2025-14 not being in effect.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

There was nothing new to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2025 (Open Session) and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp was remotely attending the Meeting; therefore, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed the Committee’s section.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Chairman Steve Whritenour began by entertaining an Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-63 thru 2025-107. Tracy Murray made the Motion and was seconded by Deb Reed. Following, a thorough discussion regarding the Resolutions occurred. In addition, Judge George Lackey was allowed to share information with respect to the Delinquent Tax Sales procedure. Tracy Murray cancelled his previous Motion and made a Motion to Table the Omnibus Resolutions to obtain additional information from the Board's Legal Counsel and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Chairman Mr. Whritenour conveyed that an extension letter was approved regarding the FY 2024 Audit. Bellwether is anticipating that the completion of the FY 2024 Audit will be in December, 2025.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that the FY 2026 Budget was passed and is currently laying for the 15-day period. The final approval is anticipated to take place on Friday, November 28, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at a Special Full Board Meeting. Board Member Josh Dunahee voiced his opinions with the Safety Tax Fund and the recommendations from the Property Evaluations and Advisors, LLC Assessment Study. Board Member Adam Smith expressed his thoughts regarding appraisals and how they may have affected the findings. Mr. Dunahee and Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps continued with their comments concerning the utilization of the Safety Tax Fund. A thorough discussion transpired. After questioning from Board Member Sharon Woodward, Chairman Steve Whritenour verified that he has spoken with Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, and he will be providing a response to the Study at a Meeting in December, 2025. Next, Dr. Mike Douglas made a "Motion to take money out of the Safety Tax Fund and earmark it for" (Josh Dunahee stated the amount of \$1,051,500.00) "that amount out of the Safety Tax and earmark it to fix the Assessor's Office" and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. An additional discussion occurred, including conversations regarding the FY 2026 Levy and information from Dustin Harmon, Bellwether. Dr. Mike Douglas made an Amended Motion to take out \$750,000.00 out of the Jail General Fund line item and transfer to Public Safety Tax new line item, Correctional Officers and add \$750,000.00 into the County Board Budget new line item, Professional Services to help with the re-assessment of commercial properties in Marion County and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: 8 ayes – 4 nays (Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Tim McCance, and Adam Smith). Motion passed. An updated FY 2026 Budget will be provided by Bellwether for final approval at the Friday, November 28, 2025 Special Full Board Meeting.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi stated that there was nothing new to report.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by announcing that the Marion County Public Service Building roof replacement project has been completed. Next, she shared that an invoice (\$3,800.00) for the update of the Marion County Website had been paid with monies available from the Cyber Network Security line item in the FY 2025 Budget.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his monthly report. He provided a written report (see attachment) and reviewed the information. Continuing, Sheriff Cripps stated that he is currently in negotiations with the Federal Government regarding a fee increase for the housing of Federal inmates. He is anticipating having a resolution within the next 60 days to relay to the Board.

Next, Sheriff Cripps addressed the MOU – Downstate Major Case Squad Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance Agreement (see attachment). He expressed the importance of joining the Major Case Squad and approving the MOU. Cody Rose made a Motion to approve the MOU – Downstate Major Case Squad Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance Agreement and was seconded by Steve Whritenour. A brief discussion transpired with responses to questions and concerns. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presenting his monthly report, he communicated that the Illinois Coroner Medical Examiners Association has a similar state wide mutual aid agreement. He reiterated the importance of having these types of services available for the County. He proceeded by stating that there have currently been 29 deaths in the month of November, but continued with the full monthly report from October, 2025. There was a total of 27 deaths; 7 related to Cancer, 19 other, and 1 suicide. This included 5 cancer related cases, 21 other (1 pending toxicology results), and 1 suicide. In conclusion, he shared his gratitude for being the Marion County Coroner. Board Member Adam Smith commended Coroner Howell with others in agreement.

Following, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter conveyed that there was nothing new to report due to this being the Agency's slow season. Several volunteers were present, and she commended them for their work during the last year. A Christmas party is scheduled for December 20, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the ESDA Office to show them her appreciation.

In conclusion, 911/ESDA Committee Liaison Cody Rose conveyed that he had spoken to Mrs. Barter, and she provided an update on the oil spill in Marion County. All necessary reports have been filed. He stated that a list of training courses for County EMA partner agencies was included in the Full Board Meeting packet.

Prior to the County & Community Committee's report, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed the topic of the reconstruction of Marion County ESDA. He relayed that he had spoken with Mrs. Barter, the City of Salem, and the City of Centralia regarding the consideration of forming a County-wide EMA. A brief explanation of its benefits were given. Further discussions will be taking place and additional information will be provided in the future.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray conveyed that Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Committee Chairman Mr. Murray stated that 4 adoptions took place during the month, and Marion County Animal Control is continuing to use The Barking Lot for housing until the end of December, 2025.

Under New Business, Chairman Mr. Murray entertained a Motion to approve the Notice of Marion County Board Meetings – 2026. Sharon Woodward made the Motion and was seconded by Dr. Mike Douglas. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next item, Christmas Gift Certificates (Farm Fresh Market) for the Marion County Employees (part-time \$25.00 and full time \$50.00) was briefly discussed. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to approve the Christmas Gift Certificates and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Josh Dunahee). Motion passed.

Following, Committee Chairman Mr. Murray stated that a packet had been received from Trajectory Energy Partners-Cervine Solar, LLC regarding the 2MWac Community Solar Project. A representative from the company had presented the project's information to the Committee at its previous meeting and was forwarded to the Full Board for approval to send the application to SKS Engineers. Jack Riley made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Lastly, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour provided information regarding the purchase of a Marion County Animal Control Facility. He extended gratitude to the City of Salem with respect to the options regarding their facility, but unfortunately this possibility did not work out. He continued by relaying that he had met with the new City Manager of Centralia, Galen Mahle to discuss proposed opportunities with the Centralia Humane Society and led to an option of purchasing their facility. A detailed discussion transpired regarding this alternative. Chairman Mr. Whritenour conveyed that he is in the process of composing a Memorandum of Understanding for use of the facility prior to its purchase due to the contract with The Barking Lot expiring on December 31, 2025. Additional conversations and interviews will be occurring and that information will be provided in the near future.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent, but County & Community Chairman Mr. Murray had received a notification that stated "American Legal Publishing has received the paperwork and the County is in their editing queue."

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith began by allowing Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report. Mr. Kreke provided a written report (see attachment) prior to the Full Board Meeting which was included in the Packet. He reviewed the items included in the report.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Next, he shared information with respect to the motives for Resolution 2025-108: Amending the 2025 County Highway Budget (Senior Technician Salary) and Resolution 2025-109: County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund.

Following, Josh Dunahee made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-109 to move \$8,260.00 from the Contingencies General Fund to the Federal-Aid Match Reimbursement Fund to have access to \$528,745.00 and was seconded by Cody Rose. A brief discussion transpired prior to the Roll Call Vote. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-108: Amending the 2025 County Highway Budget (Senior Technician Salary) and was second by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Engineer Mr. Kreke responded to questions from Board Member Cody Rose. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Cody Rose). Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith entertained a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2025 (Open Session). David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

No Liquor Licenses were renewed.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative David Iossi stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Alternative Learning Center in Centralia. Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announced he appointed Kenya Loyd to fill a vacancy on the 708 Mental Health Board.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas stated that the next Meeting is on December 16, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Salem Health Department.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that Cody Rose has been appointed as an additional Marion County Board Representative for the SCIRPD Board.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Chris Krupp stated that a meeting was not conducted during the month.

11-25-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Edna A. Mann
Bert Mann
L. C. [unclear]
Jim [unclear]
John [unclear]
Dustin Harman
Colleen Misellbrook
Ashley Rose
Brendy Hempen
Cecilia Abregan
Wayne L. [unclear]
Alicia Morse
Hats [unclear]
Hallie Borcharding
Lyn Borcharding
Matt & Sue [unclear]
Jeff [unclear]
Jeanne Dunahoe
Steven [unclear]

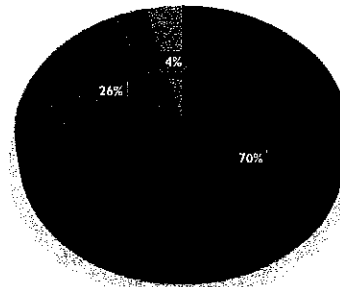
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Richard Green
Shawnda Weimer
Maura Dunahay
Patrick Watson
Dakota Hirsch
Shari Batten M.C. ESDA
Amy Reed

MARION COUNTY ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

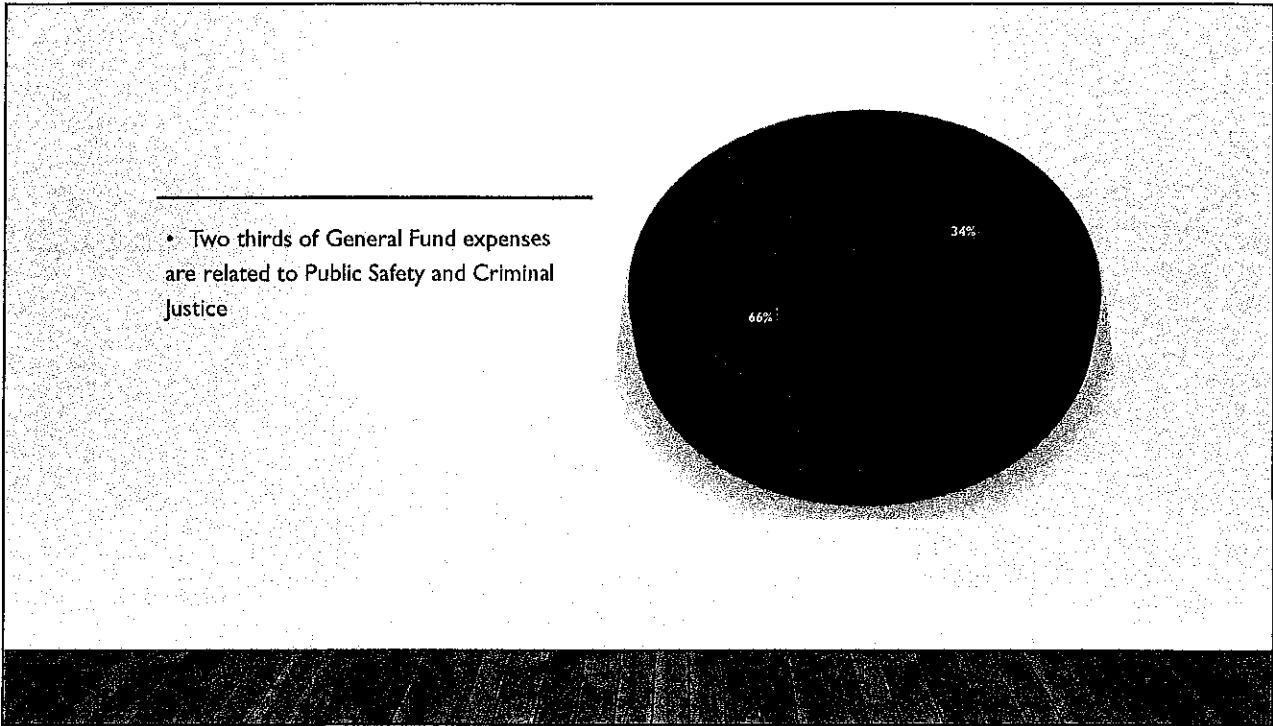
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COUNTY LEVIES FALL INTO THREE BROAD CATEGORIES

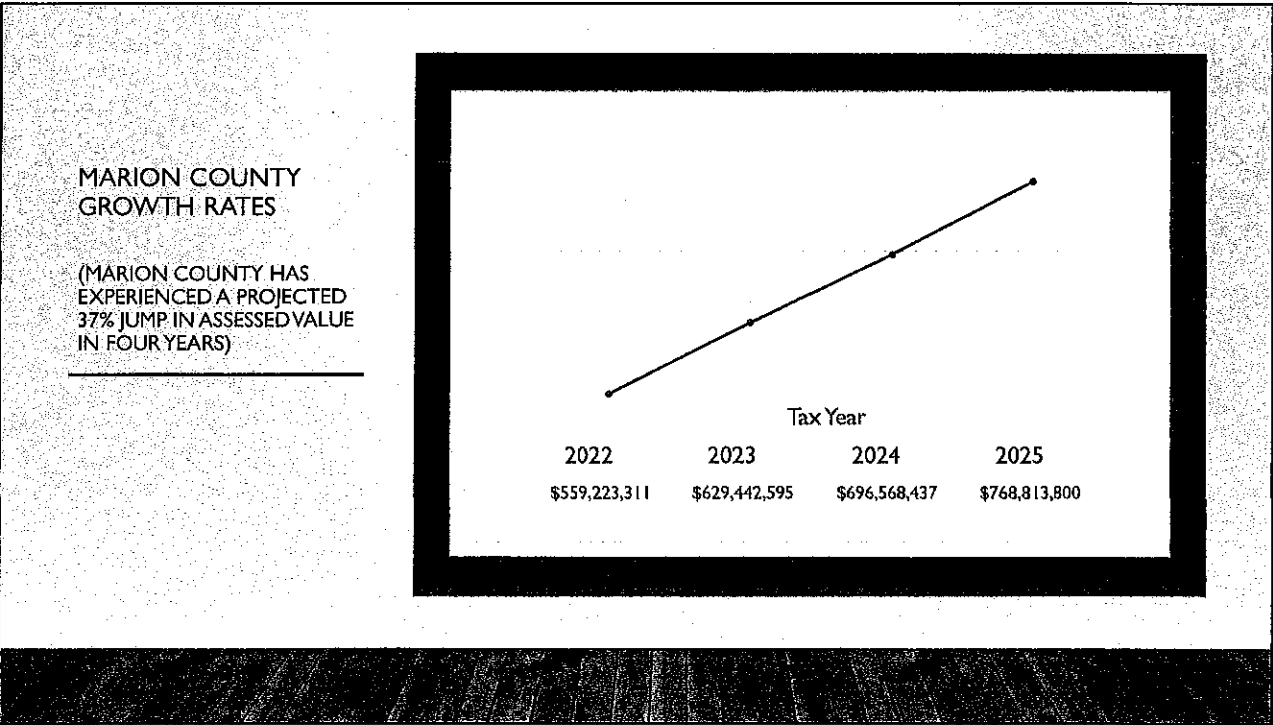


Operations	Highway	Health Services
75%	26%	4%

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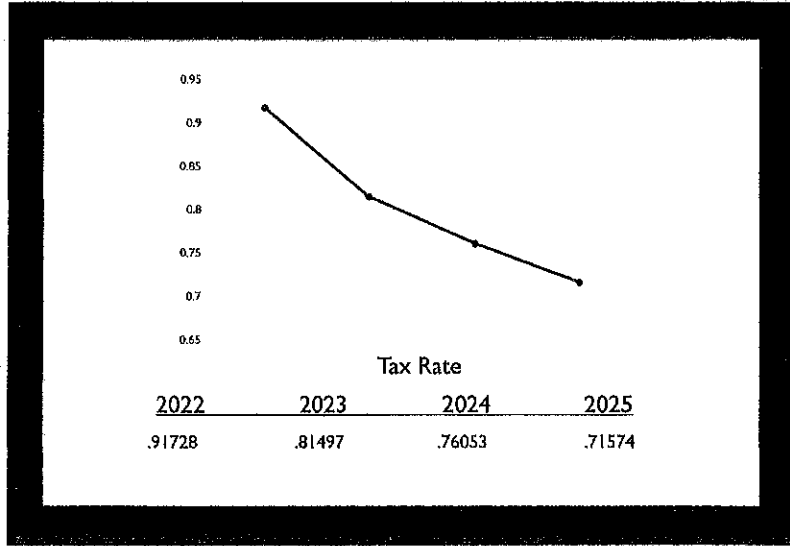
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MARION COUNTY TAX RATE HAS REDUCED DRAMATICALLY

(EAV GROWTH RATE 37% OUTPACES GROWTH TO EXTENSION)



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MARION COUNTY IS JUST ONE TAXING BODY THAT MAKES UP YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

Other Taxing Bodies

- County
- Municipal
- Township
- Township Road and Bridge
- Fire Districts
- Hospital Districts
- School Districts
- Cemetery
- Library Districts
- Tif Districts
- Park Districts
- Mosquito Abatement Districts
- Forest Preserve Districts
- Airport District

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



SHERIFF KEVIN CRIPPS
MARION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dear Marion County Board,

11/25/25

From 10/28/2025 to 11/25/2025, the Marion County Sheriff's Office handled:

1490 Calls for Service (average 51 calls per day)
62 Prisoners transported
102 Inmates booked into the jail
6318 Meals prepared and served at an average cost of \$2.04 each.

As of today, 11/25/2025, we have 73 inmates and 35 federal inmates, 3 Juveniles.

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL BUILDING UPDATES

Nothing new this month

Hope you all have a great meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Cripps", is written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Kevin W. Cripps

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ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

COPY

Recitals

This Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance (ICJSA) Agreement is executed, in multiple counterparts, by the public agency shown upon last page hereof on the date that is set forth on the last page of this (ICJSA) for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

Whereas, the undersigned public agency of the state of Illinois does hereby declare that it is in the best interest of the signatory public agency to make provision for policing mutual aid in the event the undersigned public agency should need policing mutual aid, and;

Whereas, the undersigned public agency of the State of Illinois recognizes that policing mutual aid is most effective if those public agencies who could potentially benefit from policing mutual aid are willing to provide policing mutual aid to other public agencies who are willing to enter into a mutual aid agreement such as this Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance (ICJSA) Agreement, and;

Whereas, in the State of Illinois, there exist constitutional and statutory provisions enabling and supporting the formation of intergovernmental agreements on matters such as criminal justice mutual aid, to wit, the Constitution of the State of Illinois (Ill. Const. Art. VII, § 10), Sheriff-Conservator of the Peace (55 ILCS 5/3-6021), Sheriff-Posse Comitatus (55 ILCS 5/3-6022), Sheriff-Supervisor of Safety (55 ILCS 5/3-6036), the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 2020/1 et seq.), the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (745 ILCS 10/7-101 et seq.) and the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-2.1), and;

Whereas, in order to have an effective policing mutual aid system, it is reasonable and desirable to have a third-party entity that can support, centralize, coordinate and organize the provision of policing mutual aid by and among signatory public agencies to the Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance (ICJSA) Agreement, and;

Whereas, this ICJSA is made in recognition of the fact that natural or man-made occurrences may result in emergencies or disasters that exceed the resources, equipment and/or policing personnel of a given public agency; each public agency which signs a copy of this ICJSA intends to aid and assist the other participating public agencies during an emergency or disaster by temporarily assigning some of the responding public agencies resources, equipment and/or criminal justice personnel to the requesting public agency as circumstances permit and in accordance with the terms of this ICJSA; the specific intent of this ICJSA being to safeguard the lives, persons and property of citizens of the Downstate Region of the State of Illinois during an emergency, policing need, or disaster by enabling other public agencies to provide additional resources, equipment and/or policing personnel as needed and;

Whereas all units of local government signing this Agreement shall be referred to herein as Participating Agencies.

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Now, therefore, the undersigned public agency does hereby enter into this ICJSA with each and every other public agency which signs a counterpart copy of this ICJSA and agrees and contracts as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals.

The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein and shall constitute material elements of this ICJSA Agreement.

Section 2. Purpose.

Participating Agencies recognize that in certain situations the lawful use of policing personnel and equipment to perform criminal justice duties outside of the territorial limits or jurisdiction of that unit of local government is desirable and reasonable in order to promote the preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Section 3. Power and Authority.

A. Rendering and Requesting Aid.

1. Each Participating Agency agrees that all other Participating Agencies and their employees rendering aid or assistance under this agreement shall be vested with the same jurisdictional powers and authority as the Participating Agency and its employees to which they are rendering aid or assistance. Each "Participating Agency" approving this ICJSA Agreement agrees to render and request mutual policing personnel, equipment, resources and facilities ("Resources") to and from other Participating Agencies to the extent such Resources not required for adequate protection of the Participating Agency. The discretionary judgment of each Participating Agency, by its agency head or their designee, as to the amount of its resources available to render aid shall be final.

B. Command and Employment.

1. Law enforcement personnel of a Participating Agency commanded by their superior authority to perform duties under this ICJSA Agreement within the jurisdiction of a requesting Participating Agency shall be under the direction and authority of the agency head, or their designee, of the requesting Participating Agency. However, at all times such policing personnel from a responding Participating Agency shall remain employees of the responding Participating Agency and such Agency shall be solely responsible for all compensation, benefits, and insurance coverages owed such employees.

C. Reimbursement.

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1. Except as otherwise agreed to in writing between a requesting and responding Participating Agency, all Resources provided under this ICJSA Agreement shall be provided without reimbursement to the responding Participating Agency from the requesting Participating Agency.

D. Withdrawal or Termination:

1. Any Participating Agency may withdraw or terminate its participation in this Agreement upon sixty (60) day written notice to Chairman of the Board of Directors. All annual fees payable to DMCS shall be paid prior to the effective date of withdrawal or termination and shall not be refunded or prorated: the obligation being annual regardless of the date of withdrawal or termination.

E. MERIT Member Termination.

1. The Chairman may terminate a Participating Members membership in DMCS upon 60 days written notice to the Participating Member of its failure or refusal to pay its annual fees. If a Participating Agency becomes a Requesting Participating Agency before the expiration of the 60 days it shall be obligated to pay DMCS the full annual fee for that year.

F. Dissolution.

1. The Board of Directors may vote to dissolve the DMCS Organization in accordance with the provisions stated herein. Dissolution may be considered at a regular meeting or special meeting called for consideration of the dissolution. A quorum of the Board of Directors must be in attendance at any regular or special meeting at which dissolution is considered. Dissolution must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the directors in attendance. All participating agencies shall be given fourteen days' notice of the meeting date where the dissolution vote is on the agenda. Dissolution will not become effective until 90 days from the date the Resolution of Dissolution is adopted. The Chairman will immediately notify all members of the DMCS of the dissolution. The Chairman shall be authorized to effect the dissolution of the DMCS organization upon adoption of a Resolution of Dissolution and shall be responsible for winding up the affairs of the DMCS organization.

Section 4. Insurance and Indemnification.

A. Insurance.

1. Each Participating Agency shall procure and maintain, at its sole and exclusive expense, insurance coverages which cover the Participating Agency, its

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Resources, and any liability for providing such Resources to a requesting Participating Agency in no less than the minimum amounts as follows:

- a. Commercial General Liability (Including contractual liability coverage): \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, and property damage and \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury. The general aggregate shall be twice the required occurrence limit. Minimum General Aggregate shall be no less than \$2,000,000 or a project/contract specific aggregate of \$1,000,000.
- b. Business Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- c. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability: Workers' Compensation coverage with statutory limits and Employers' Liability limits of \$500,000 per accident.
- d. Each Agency shall bear the responsibility for its own insurance even in the event of inadequate, nonexistent or exhausted coverage.
- e. The above listed minimum amounts of coverage shall not apply to self-insured Agencies.

B. Indemnification.

1. Each Participating Agency agrees that it shall be responsible for defending itself and indemnifying its own employees in any action or dispute arising in connection with, or as a result of, this ICJSA Agreement bought by non-party's to the Agreement. The requesting Participating Agency also agrees that this ICJSA Agreement shall not give rise to any liability or responsibility for the failure of any other Participating Agency to respond to any request for assistance.

C. Reciprocal waiver and release.

1. Except as provided in subsection D of this Section 4, each Participating Agency hereby waives, releases, and discharges all other Participating Agency's from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, injuries, deaths, costs or expenses resulting from any actionable error or omission of that Participating Agency in its performance of this Agreement at the request of a requesting Participating Agency.

D. Defense.

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1. In the event that the Downstate Major Case Squad (DMCS) is named as a party to a lawsuit, claim or action as a separate party, either individually or in addition to other Participating Agencies, the Participating Agency requesting aid shall be responsible, at its sole cost, for the defense of DMCS in such lawsuit, claim or action.

Section 5. Downstate Major Case Squad (DMCS)

A. Authority.

1. The Downstate Major Case Squad (DMCS) shall carry out the mutual aid roles and responsibilities of the Participating Agencies and is not a separate, independent public agency under 5 ILCS 220/2. All Participating Agencies shall be members of the DMCS. The DMCS shall be governed by Board of Directors that shall be responsible for developing bylaws, rules, and regulations to carry out the terms and conditions of this ICJSA Agreement provided such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the terms of this ICJSA Agreement. Participating Agencies agree to abide by all rules and regulations properly adopted and approved by the DMCS Board of Directors. Each Participating Agency agrees not to hold itself out as an agent of the DMCS and will instruct each of its employees that they are not to hold themselves out as employees or agents of the DMCS.
2. A copy of DMCS's initial by-laws are attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth a group exhibit 1. The by-laws may be amended by DMCS's Board of Directors, without amendment of this Agreement in accordance with the terms of those by laws, except that amendments to the by-laws which increase DMCS's budget and result in a request to a Participating Agency for an increased payment shall not become effective until approved in the sole discretion of the corporate authorities of the Participating Member. If the Corporate Authorities of a Participating Member refuse or fail to pay a budget obligation to DMCS, the Chairman shall proceed with termination as Set forth in Section 3 E.

B. Board of Directors.

1. The makeup of the DMCS Board of Directors shall be defined by the Board's established and ratified by laws.

Section 6. Effective Date and Term.

This ICJSA Agreement shall become effective upon its adoption by at least two agreeing Sheriffs, who agree to be Participating Agencies. Other agencies may join, according to whatever procedures they are bound by, to become a Participating

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Agency and approve this ICJSA Agreement. Upon local adoption of the ICJSA Agreement, and approval of the DMCS Board of Directors, a unit of local government shall be deemed a Participating Agency. Approval by the Board of Directors for an applying agency shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 7. General Conditions.

A. Amendment.

1. No amendment or modification to this ICJSA Agreement shall be effective unless and until the amendment or modification is in writing and properly approved by each Participating Agency.

B. Binding Effect and Assignment.

1. The rights and obligations in this ICJSA Agreement bind the Participating Agencies and may not be assigned or transferred.

C. Third Party Beneficiary.

1. There are no third person beneficiaries of this Agreement for any purpose whatsoever. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or deemed to constitute a waiver or compromise of any and all statutory or common law immunities or privileges available to Participating members, their employees, agents and assigns, which are asserted by all Participating Members to the full extent allowed by law.

D. Governing Laws and Venue.

2. This ICJSA Agreement will be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws, but not the conflicts of laws rules, of the State of Illinois. The exclusive venue for the enforcement of the provisions of this ICJSA Agreement or its construction or interpretation shall be in a court of law located in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois.

E. Entire Agreement.

1. This ICJSA Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Participating Agencies and supersedes all prior agreements and negotiations between them, whether written or oral relating to the subject matter of this ICJSA Agreement.

F. Waiver.

**DOWNSTATE MAJOR CASE SQUAD
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE
ASSISTANTANCE AGREEMENT**

1. The failure of a Participating Agency to exercise at any time any rights under this ICJSA Agreement shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of that right, nor shall the failure void or affect a Participating Agency's right to enforce such rights or any other rights.

SIGNATURE PAGES ATTACHED

**DOWNSTATE MAJOR CASE SQUAD
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE
ASSISTANTANCE AGREEMENT**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date and year above written.

(GOVERNING BODY WITH IGA AUTHORITY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MUTUAL AID)

By:

(Printed Name-Signature)
(TITLE-Head of Participating Agency)

Date

(Printed Name-Signature)
(TITLE-County/City/Village Head-If required by jurisdiction)

Date

Attest:

(Printed Name-Signature)
(Clerk of Village, City, or County or States Attorney)

Date

DOWNSTATE MAJOR CASE SQUAD (DMCS)

By:

Chairman of the DMCS Board of Directors

Date

By:

1st Vice Chairman of the DMCS Board of Directors

Date

PARTICIPATING AGENCY: _____

Road and Bridge Committee

09/09/2025

Discussion items

- ❖ Equipment
 - Sterling truck Auction \$12,500
 - Trailer on Nove 8th bid
- ❖ 2025 Budget
 - Adjusting salaries for Senior Tech line item
 - Vacation payout
- ❖ State Match
 - 2023 Federal aid Match was below .045%
 - .043689% --\$275,003.47
 - Would need to add Roughly .001311% -- \$8,260.00
- ❖ Transit Bailout Legislation
 - SB 2111
 - Road Fund Sweep will be an 85/15 split Northern IL Transit Authority and Down State
 - Road Fund interest 90/10 split
 - Effect after July 1 2026
 - What does this mean?
 - ◆ At this time MFT funding is not affected
 - How will this affect our operations?
 - ◆ Money Originally deposited in the Road Fund account that IDOT manages will be significantly less for down state operations meaning applying for federal assistance for Roads, Bridges, and other projects may be harder to secure.
 - ◆ This could mean it will be on the County so fund more out of pocket costs.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Brock Waggoner (arrived late), Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas (arrived late), and Debbie Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Wyett Colclasure, President of the Marion County Genealogical and Historical Society presented a presentation regarding the recognition of the United States 250th Birthday. Mark Decker, Bryan-Bennett Library Trustee and Luke Purcell, representative of the Salem Historical Commission were also present. Mr. Colclasure distributed 2 handouts (see attachments) to each Board Member. He encouraged the Members of the Board and Marion County to become involved with events during the year. Adam Smith and Deb Reed will follow through with the Marion County Board's involvement.

Next, Guest Neal Smith, owner of Little Egypt Golf Cars commended the Board for ensuring that the issues in the Marion County Assessment Study will be addressed. He continued by stating that "nothing has changed in Mark Miller's office." Mr. Smith provided information with respect to a new business being built and having the same issues with the taxes on that building.

Following, Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour introduced Rob Jackson, City of Centralia Economic Development Director. Mr. Jackson previously provided information regarding Resolution 2025-115: Marion County Board Supporting the City of Centralia's Request for a 12-Year Extension to Their Tax Increment Financing District #3 to the Board in this Meeting's Packet. A brief explanation was given, and questions were responded to by himself and Luke Eastin, SCIRPDC Executive Director. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-115: Marion County Board Supporting the City of Centralia's Request for a 12-Year Extension to Their Tax Increment Financing District #3. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Josh Dunahee). Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Ordinance 2025-14: Countywide Appointments. He stated that the time frames for receiving the notices

had been added to the Ordinance. A brief discussion transpired. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. A copy will be distributed to the Marion County entities.

Prior to Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour announcing the Illinois Department of Revenue figures, he relayed that a Special Full Board Meeting will be scheduled for January 5, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. with a Closed Personnel portion. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments will be presenting his response to the Marion County Assessment Study.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
¼%	\$110,500.15	\$81,951.15
1%	\$71,056.44	\$37,393.50

Appointments:

None at this time.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Marion County Board Member Chris Krupp stated that the Commission is preparing to hire an individual and encouraged anyone interested to apply.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None at this time.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by opening the floor to Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell. Both gentlemen provided detailed information regarding the Delinquent Tax Sale Resolutions presented to the Board for approval. Attorney Hudspeth voiced that this procedure can be done. All questions were responded to.

Next, Chris Krupp made an Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-63 thru 2025-107 and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: 6 Ayes – 5 nays (Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Following, Chris Krupp made an Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-112 thru 2025-114 and was seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: 6 Ayes – 5 nays (Tim McCance, Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Mr. Krupp conveyed that the FY 2024 Audit draft has been completed with the same findings as last year. When the FY 2024 Audit is completed, WIPFLI will begin working on the FY 2025 Audit.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi stated that there was nothing new to report.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by announcing that the Committee is beginning to explore the options for a new phone system for the County. The current contract with CTS Solutions Technology, LLC will expire in October, 2026. A considerable amount of issues has been occurring recently, especially at the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed stated that she and Lieutenant Anthony Decker had met with CTS representatives to discuss these matters. Lieutenant Decker presented an explanation of the current issues and what the intentions are to rectify them. At this time, CTS is willing to provide a temporary solution for no charge. Sheriff Cripps provided additional information. This subject will continue to be addressed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward was absent; therefore, County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour oversaw the Committee's portion of the Meeting. He began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his monthly report. Sheriff Cripps stated that the Department handled 669 calls for Service (average 30.4 calls per day), has had 39 Prisoner transports, 55 Inmates have been booked into the jail, and 7,028 meals were prepared and served (average cost of \$1.31 each). As of 12/16/25, there were 72 inmates with 36 Federal inmates along with 2 Juveniles in custody. He had also been notified that the Commissary Audit FY 2024 had been completed and the Jail was found to be in compliance with all sectors of the Audit.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his November, 2025 monthly report. He communicated that had been 41 deaths (38 Coroner cases and 3 Medical); 12 related to Cancer and 1 autopsy was performed.

Following, Sub-Committee Marion County 911/ESDA Liaison Cody Rose conveyed that interviews for an ESDA Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinators were conducted prior to this Meeting. Current Coordinator Sherri Barter had nothing new to report.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray allowed Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator to present his report. Mr. Ferguson began by conveying that 4 dogs were homed this week, a few were returned to their owners, and there were 2 dog bite cases. He continued to express that there are several "great" dogs available for adoption.

Committee Chairman Mr. Murray emphasized the importance to having people's pets spayed or neutered. Mr. Ferguson then relayed that a prior donation of \$5,000.00 was received and is to be used strictly for spays/neuters.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Murray stated that the County's purchase of a new facility is nearing finalization. In addition, he communicated that there is a need for volunteers and for anyone interested to contact Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Murray expressed that the Marion County Illinois Animal Control Face Book page has significantly helped the County and especially with animals finding their "fur ever" homes.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, there was nothing new to report.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Tim McCance began by addressing a response letter from Marion County Highway Department Engineer Alex Kreke to the Centralia Township regarding the removal of a tree from Walnut Hill Road. Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that this item was not listed on the Agenda, but will be placed on the Full Board Meeting Agenda in January, 2026 for further discussion.

Next, Highway Engineer Alex Kreke had provided a written report (see attachment) prior to the Full Board Meeting and was included in the Packet. He reviewed the items included in the report.

Following, Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith shared information with respect to Resolution 2025-110: 2026 County Engineer Salary (\$141,200.00). He then made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-110 and was seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In continuation, Engineer Kreke communicated details regarding Resolution 2025-109: County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund. Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution: 2025-111 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Engineer Kreke provided an update on the roof repairs/renovation at his facility. The office area is 99% completed and is only lacking the guttering. The contractors are progressing with the barrel portion of the building and it is anticipated to be finished very soon. The weather has been a factor in the delay.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith conveyed that a Combined Personnel/Labor Relations and Law Enforcement Committees Meeting and a Combined Personnel/Labor Relations and County & Community Committees Meeting had been previously taken place. During each Meeting, interviews were conducted.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

No Liquor Licenses were renewed.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a Meeting was held on December 4, 2025 and the Board has new Member. She shared that the Alternative Learning Center had sold \$3.00/bag of clothing and generated a little over \$2,000.00. An additional sale will be taking place in the Spring, 2026.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas was absent; therefore, no report was given.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Cody Rose stated that he has received the Orientation packet and the Meeting schedules from the SCIRPD Commission.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a meeting was not conducted in November. The next Meeting is scheduled for December 30, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith Was absent; therefore, no report was given.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Adam Smith and Chris Krupp stated that a meeting may have been conducted, but had not received notification.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that their Christmas party was held the night before and was catered by Cracker Barrel. The next meeting is scheduled for February, 2026.

SIEDA

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas was absent; therefore, no report was given.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to go into Closed Session. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Members Dr. Mike Douglas and Brock Waggoner entered the room.

A 5-minute break took place.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to open into Closed Session. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 7:57 P.M.

Judith Meeks-Hakim made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Cody Rose. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 8:43 P.M.

No action was taken after the Closed Session.

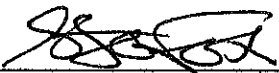
Nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:44 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 2-10-26



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

12-16-25

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Agent Barty - Marion County ESOA
Wesley Cole Larue
Tom - Sheriff
Anthony Decker
Ivan Reed
Charles How
John King

+40

“America 250” – Marion County Celebrates!

The U.S. Semiquincentennial

1776-2026



America250.org



IL250.org

Mark Decker, Bryan-Bennett Library Trustee

Myron Lloyd, Chairman, Salem Historical Commission

Luke Purcell, Salem Historical Commission

Wyett Colclasure, President, Marion County Genealogical & Historical Society

History of our area: Native Tribes, French, British, America (NW Territory, Virginia, Indiana)



General Francis Marion (“The Swamp Fox”) – Revolutionary War – County Namesake - Zadok Casey named (His dad, Randolph Casey, served with Gen. Marion and was highly regarded.)

George Rogers Clark (“Conqueror of the Old Northwest”) – Captured Fort Kaskaskia & Vincennes
Old U.S. Route 50 follows the path he took across Illinois. (Sign outside of Flora heading west.)



Heritage Day Event - Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Two Dollar Bill - back side portrait ([Descendants of the Declaration of Independence](#)) Genealogy Project to identify residents who are descended from the Signers. On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed the Committee of Five – Thomas Jefferson from Virginia, Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania, John Adams from Massachusetts, Roger Sherman from Connecticut, and Robert Livingston from New York—to draft a declaration of independence from British colonial rule.

Commemorative Coin

Marion County 2023 example (Farm Bureau)



Front



Back

Possible Activities:

- Special Tours of the Museum & Bryan Home; Centralia Museum; (Trains, Farm Equipment, Household Items, etc. from 1776)
- Community Dinner with Speakers (Food & Desserts served from the 1776 era, Music performed by the schools from the 1776 era); DAR, SAR, Civic Organizations (Shriners, Elks, Odd Fellows, Ministerial Alliance, etc.)
- Partner with other established activities (Salem 4th of July, Centralia 4th of July, Antique Power Days, Kinmundy Log Cabin Days, Little Egypt Festival & Parade, etc.)
- Essay contest for Students (Winners from each School in the County)
- Art Contest for Students (Winners from each School – Display at Courthouse)
- Photo Contest (Students, Adults – Winners from every town – Display at Courthouse)
- Sponsor a Time Capsule to be buried on the County Lawn with a stone marker (i.e., Bicentennial Marker next to the Johnny Appleseed Tree)
- Christmas Ornament, Key Chain, Commemorative Coin (i.e., Farm Bureau Coin for Bicentennial)

*****Suggest funding for activities come from grants, private donors, and ticket sales to cover costs by the people who want to participate. (This is how we did it for the Illinois Bicentennial activities. (i.e., the Lincoln Portrait in the Courthouse paid for by several donors; the Johnny Appleseed tree donated by the Salem Odd Fellows Lodge; Collectors Day Event at the Library; Bicentennial "Birthday Cake" Ceremony/Reception at the Courthouse)***

Communities

Illinois America 250 Communities share information and involve their communities in 250th Anniversary events and celebrations. The Illinois 250 communities are organized by region, to correspond with the upcoming Illinois America 250 Passport.

Want to become a 250 Community? Fill out the form below. After review and approval, your organization will receive the Community Toolkit, which includes a blank Resolution for community leadership to fill out, and examples of how to get involved.

Become a 250 Community

Illinois America 250 invites you to take part in the journey to 250 and pledge to become an Illinois America 250 Community. IL250 Communities will be featured on the website, invited to monthly partner calls, and receive planning and educational resources. **Submissions are processed once per week.**

After pledging, leadership can issue a resolution using this form L Illinois America 250 Community Resolution.

The Illinois America 250 Commission has selected **three themes** for the 250th commemoration:

- **Power of Place**
- **We the People**
- **Doing History**

The **priorities** for the Illinois America 250 Commission are:

- **Promoting local commemorations**
- **Uplifting local stories and places**
- **Recognizing service**
- **Youth engagement**

Selected Basics of Illinois 250

Illinois America 250 invites businesses, nonprofits, educational, cultural, and civic organizations to get involved and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

<https://www.il250.org/partners#partnerform>

Organization Partner Form

Organization Partners are based in Illinois and agree to a non-commercial partnership with IL250. After completing the **Illinois America 250 Promotional Partner Form**, upload your organization's logo [here](#) or email it directly to us at IL250@ILhumanities.org. Submissions are processed weekly.

Thank you for your commitment to making this commemoration a meaningful, inclusive, and inspiring celebration of Illinois' role in our nation's story!

Commitments(required)

As a partner, our organization commits to supporting the Illinois America 250th Commission through one or more of the following (please check all that apply):

- Sharing Commission announcements and program opportunities with our community
- Create commemorative (free) public programs or events
- Creating commemorative (paid/ticketed) public programs or events
- Providing financial support to support Illinois America 250th Commission programs
- Participation in Illinois: United in Service

Road and Bridge Committee

12/09/2025

Discussion items

- ❖ County Highway Department Internal
 - 2026 County Engineer Salary
 - Resolution 2025-110
 - General Maintenance 2026 Programs
 - Resolution 2025-111
- ❖ Operations
 - Day to Day
 - Mowing completed for the year
 - Snow removal
 - Equipment maintenance
 - Patching
 - Equipment
 - 2026 Budget passed
 - Plow truck
 - Patch hopper
 - Trailer
 - Auction items
 - No discussion
- ❖ Misc.
 - Renting out Ground near RP lumber